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ALL FOR TOYS FOR TOTS. Last weekend, Gianna Tummino, 8, of Wilmington, got to meet Brad Park, who played defense for the Boston Bruins in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Gianna paid a visit to West Real Estate on Saturday, December 14, and met the hockey great as she made a donation to the Toys for Tots Program that is being managed locally by Frank and Karen West. According to the Wests, the shelves at the Toys for Tots warehouse are almost bare, so more donations are needed to help needy children enjoy the holiday. Anyone who wishes to donate toys can call 1-978-796-2982. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Superintendent opening draws 39 applicants

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - The screening committee that has been charged with interviewing candidates to be the new superintendent for the Wilmington School System has the names of 39 applicants who have hopes of landing the job.

The committee, which consists of three members of the School Committee, municipal officials, principals, teachers and parents, stopped accepting applications for the available position on December 6.

During a meeting of the School Committee on Wednesday, December 11, member Suzanne Cushing, who sits on the screening panel, said that she and her colleagues will take the time between now and January 3 to review all candidates.

"We will have our work cut out for us," Cushing said.

According to Cushing, the committee has worked closely with Richard Warren, of Future Management, to develop the process by which the committee will pare down the list of candidates and produce a number of finalists.

Once all 39 candidates are reviewed, the screening committee will likely meet on January 15. From there, the committee will interview semi-finalists for the position between the tentative dates of January 23 and 31.

During the week of February 3, the screening panel hopes to present to the School Committee its selection of finalists to be considered for the post.

According to Cushing, Warren called the number of 39 candidates who expressed interest in the position "excellent." He also commended municipal officials for their participation on the screening committee, noting that such involvement is usually rare in other towns in such circumstances.

Geraldine O'Donnell, who has been the Superintendent of Schools in Wilmington for the past decade, announced earlier this year that she plans to resign from her position in June of 2003.

Near the Wilmington border

Landfill will not face impact report

By JIM HAGGERTY

ON THE WILMINGTON/WOBURN BORDER - The state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) has rejected a plea from local activists to conduct an environmental impact report (EIR) at the capping operation that is taking place at the North Woburn landfill near the border of Wilmington.

The capping operation has been a lightning rod for discussion during the past 18 months for environmental activists and members of the Woburn Neighborhood Association (WNA), who have pushed hard for an EIR to take place before the project is officially declared closed.

Michael Raymond, a WNA spokesperson, stated that he was disappointed by the decision against an EIR that was made by EOEA Secretary Michael Durand, but he vowed to continue with his mission.

"We will continue our fight until we prove one way or the other that we are living next to a toxic time bomb," Raymond said.

According to the EOEA, the area involved with the Woburn Landfill Closure Project is considered to be a part of the Mystic Valley watershed region. Also, EOEA maintains, that the project involves the cleanup and restoration of bordering vegetated wetlands as part of the capping and closing processes. The EOEA asserts that such procedures have been done in compliance with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA).

The landfill is located on a 54-acre parcel near the intersection of Merrimac Street and New Boston Road in Woburn, just shy of the Wilmington border.

The project is subject to MEPA review because the project involved the alteration of more than 5,000 square feet (39,000 square feet total) of boarded vegetated wetlands, the EOEA declared.

The proposed project required and received a Section 401 Water Quality Certificate and approval of the city's landfill closure plans from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); a National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems Permit (NPDES) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and a Programmatic General Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). It will also require a Post-Closure Use Permit from DEP. In this instance, MEPA jurisdiction extends to issues related to wetlands and water quality.

In June of 1996, the city of Woburn and the DEP entered into an Administrative Consent Order for the capping and closure of Woburn's inactive, unlined sanitary landfill facility.

The ACO required the city to, among other actions, remove waste that had been improperly disposed of in wetland resource areas outside the boundaries of the landfill footprint and relocate it in the landfill under the final cap.

Approximately 150,000 cubic yards of waste was removed from the resource areas located along the southern perimeter of the landfill, and relocated into the capped landfill, Durand pointed out.

The Environmental Notification form is being filed after the wetlands restoration work has been completed.

According to the ENF's and DEP's comments, the city proceeded to complete the wetlands restoration work after it obtained the necessary local and state authorizations for conducting work in the wetlands, including a 401 Water Quality Certification issued by DEP in August 1999.

In issuing its 401 Water Quality Certification, DEP incorrectly determined that its certification for the proposed wetlands restoration work did not require MEPA notification or review, the EOEA pointed out.

In DEP's "Report on the Closure and Capping of the City of Woburn's Landfill (March 2002)," the department correctly acknowledged the existence of MEPA jurisdiction, and recommended that the city file an ENF for the activities per-

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DOE ratings report

Local MCAS scores are improving

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Here's a bit of news before the holidays that should put a spring in the step of local parents and students and educators: The Wilmington School Department has received performance and improvements ratings from the Department of Education (DOE) that show that local schools are moving in the right direction when it comes to scores on the MCAS exam.

During the meeting of the School Committee on Wednesday, December 11, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lore Nielsen revealed figures recently released by the Department of Education in its document titled "School and District Accountability System Cycle II School Performance Rating Report." The "Cycle II" ratings are based on the school district's performance on the MCAS exam during the academic years of 2001 and 2002 when compared to the previous block of 1999 and 2000.

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HMMM. THAT SONG BOOK LOOKS FAMILIAR. Megan Torres, 9, of Wilmington, had her trusty Town Crier holiday song book on hand when she joined the festivities at the Town Common during the annual tree-lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 7. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Educators' ID badges are on the way

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Teachers and administrators throughout the school system will soon have badges that will help identify themselves to students and prevent confusion as to which adults have clearance to be on campus.

At a meeting on Wednesday, December 11, Administration and Finance Director Kevin Mahoney informed the School Committee that the goal of creating and distributing those ID badges is coming along nicely. Since the idea was introduced by School Committee member Marilyn Lamson in October, Mahoney has worked closely with Technology Coordinator Louise Leland and Wilmington High School Assistant Principal Peter Lucia to make those badges a reality.

"We've explored a number of different means to which we can get these ID badges accomplished," Mahoney told the committee.

As a result, the management at Hilton Photography has stepped up to the plate. The studio, which is responsible for taking the class pictures of local high school students, has agreed to take pictures of teachers and administrators and assemble badges at no cost to the district.

Mahoney said that he hopes that the process of manufacturing the badges will be in place by the middle of January.

Furthermore, Mahoney stated that he has touched base with Public Buildings Superintendent Roger Lessard, who has informed him that he and those on his staff will also wear badges when on school premises.

Dunkin Donuts

Robber remains on the loose

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Authorities are still searching for a suspect in the brazen robbery that took place at Dunkin Donuts on Main Street on Sunday, December 15.

Police are hunting for a thinly built white male who stands between 5 feet, 11 inches and 6 feet tall. At the time of the crime, the suspect was wearing a blue-hooded fleece. The suspect was further described as having his hands in his pockets and the hood of his fleece up over his head. A medium-length goatee was seen on his face.

According to authorities, the suspect allegedly walked up to the drive-thru window of Dunkin Donuts and knocked on the glass sometime between 5:30 and 6 p.m. on Sunday evening. An employee reportedly approached and opened the window, and the suspect demanded money. The suspect then reached through the window and grabbed the nearby cash drawer and removed it from the building.

According to eye witnesses, the suspect then fled the scene on foot and headed towards the train tracks behind the restaurant, presumably in the direction of the center of town.

The investigation is currently being handled by Lieutenant Michael Begonis and Detective David Sugrue of the Wilmington Police Department. Anyone with information that could prove helpful in the apprehension of this suspect is encouraged to call the Wilmington Police Department at 978-658-5071.

Ristuccia Rink

Thief doesn't get far with stolen loot

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - A thief nearly got away with more than $100 that was stolen on Monday night from the locker room of the Ristuccia Memorial Rink. The heist occurred during a practice of the Wilmington High School Varsity Hockey Team.

According to John Gennetti, the manager of the rink, he entered the locker room at approximately 3:30 p.m. on December 17 and encountered an unfamiliar male in there who was standing amongst the team's clothes and equipment.

Gennetti asked the stranger why he was in the locker room, and he answered that he was there to meet a friend. The stranger then quickly exited the locker room and made his way out of the rink's lobby. Gennetti followed him and tried to get the attention of Officer Chip Bruce, who happened to be on the ice with Varsity Head Coach Steve Scanlon.

One of the hockey parents and another rink employee became aware of some commotion as

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2 GIRLS AND ME. If you've driven down Middlesex Avenue just off Main Street recently, you probably noticed that a new office complex is finally up and running. One of the businesses to set up shop at 21 Middlesex Avenue is 2 Girls and Me, which is a new, unique gift store with special sections for children, pets, wine and holiday crafts. The business had its official ribbon cutting with the Chamber of Commerce last week. On hand, from left to right, were Selectman Robert Palmer; Karen Hayman, who co-owns the shop; Town Manager Michael Caira; Kathleen Keady, who also co-owns the business; Elaine Paolini, a representative of Northeastern Development Corp.; and Representative James Miceli. (Denise Blair photo)

Holiday History "Crawl" highlights Tewksbury's 268th Birthday

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Historical Society is organizing a History Crawl to highlight what is the least known holiday in December. Governor Belcher signed the Charter for township on December 23, 1734. Could you imagine the jubilant gathering in Tewksbury when Samuel Hunt and Lt. Dan Kitteridge rode their horses back from Boston with the newly signed Charter for the town called Tewksbury!

This forthcoming December 23, 2002 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tewksbury Town Library, Tewksbury families are invited to celebrate the town's birthday. A history crawl, weather allowing, will start at 1 p.m. with families given a map marked with historical sites, buildings, and places of interest for families to visit. Each family will be asked to visit six sites of their choosing. The places about town will be marked by a balloon tied to a brick along the site of interest.

Safe driving and parking will be encouraged and some sites will be drive-bys while others will allow families to park and see, and others like Vision House Gift Shop (the Pike/Hardy Homestead) will actually welcome Charter Day celebrants inside. Families will then be invited back to the library for a reading of the original Charter and a piece of Tewksbury birthday cake.

This celebration is aimed at all community members but it is hoped that parents will spend the two hours with their family discovering Tewksbury History. Questions will be posed to families so they may try to search out the answers. Historical Society members will be available at the conclusion to lead small group answer sessions and of course to serve up birthday cake.

The History Crawl and Charter Day Celebration is free. The Tewksbury Historical Society is trying to increase its membership to children and families so more presentations highlighting Tewksbury history can be made. It is hoped that one family members will join the Society so they can receive the Society Newsletter and help support the effort of the Society to grow and give more programs.

Information and membership applications are available by emailing Tewksburyhistorical@attbi.com or by writing to: The Tewksbury Historical Society, P.O. Box 522, Tewksbury, Ma 01876. Sandra Mouser, the Corresponding Secretary can be reached at 978-851-4966 for additional information about Society activities.

Remove snow, ice for letter carriers

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - Postmasters James R. "Jake" Quinn of Wilmington, and Joanna M. Louf, Tewksbury, have asked for the cooperation of postal customers to keep walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter.

"The Postal Service treats safety and service with equal priority," the postal officials said, "and we are seeking your help to ensure that you get the kind of service you need and expect and our letter carriers are safe from the perils they face during the winter."

Letter carriers are especially vulnerable to slips, trips and falls during the winter months, they said, adding: "It is extremely important that you keep your walkways free and clear of snow and ice to help reduce the danger of a letter carrier suffering serious injury in a slipping accident.

"Your help in this regard is deeply appreciated by your letter carrier and all the many men and women who work together to make sure you receive the best possible mail delivery."

They asked residents who receive mail delivery to rural or curbside boxes to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash cans and other objects. "This will permit the carrier to drive up to your mailbox and deposit or collect mail without leaving the vehicle. The approach to and exit from the mailbox should be cleared sufficiently on both sides to allow the carrier to drive ahead and not be required to back up after delivery," they said.

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It's Your Money
by Joyce Brisbois



WHO PAYS TAXES AND WHO DOESN'T

Somehow, it doesn't seem fair. Among the wealthiest Americans - those who earn more than $200,000 in 19999 - one in every thousand paid no income tax at all, the IRS admits. *The Statistics of Income Bulletin*, released in July, shows that almost 2.5 million people had an adjusted gross income that high in 1999. Within that group, 2,525 individuals and married couples paid no federal income tax, and 2,174 paid no tax anywhere in the world

This occurs despite the Alternative Minimum Tax, a tax created to ensure that everyone pays something in taxes. The trouble is, the 1969 AMT law has not been fully adjusted for inflation. Somehow, it rarely hits people who make more than $627,000, but, because of the twists and turns of the law, AMT can apply to a single parent making as little as $28,000. The Treasury Department estimates that by 2010, when the latest cut is fully effective, the AMT will affect about 80 percent of taxpayers who make $75,000 to $250,000.

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Ivas named Bank Community Scholar

TEWKSBURY - Jennifer Ivas, daughter of John and Trudy Ivas of Tewksbury, has been named a Saint Anselm College/Citizens Bank Community Scholar. This is her third year serving as a Community Scholar for the College.

The Community Scholars program began in January 2001 as part of a three year, $30,000 grant from Citizens Bank. "This pilot program created the opportunity for experienced volunteers to take community service to a higher level, a level of strengthening community ties," said Dan Forbes, director of the Center for Volunteers at Saint Anselm College.

Jennifer, a senior psychology major at Saint Anselm College works with middle school students from the Manchester, NH area in conjunction with the Salvation Army. She is responsible for assisting students at a homework center as well as recruiting volunteers for the site. Jen also helps to assist teachers with homework websites for students to have access to their assignments on line. The goal of the program is to increase the involvement of after school programs for underprivileged children.

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OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

Thank you, Reverend

Reverend Phillip Earley, who serves at Saint Thomas Church in Wilmington, was one of the 58 priests in the Greater Boston Area who signed his name to the letter written last week calling for the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law. You have to imagine that signing that letter was among the most challenging decisions that father Earley has ever had to make.

That's what makes his actions all the more courageous.

It has been a painful year for Catholics. The scandals involving priests who have sexually abused children have left the faithful feeling distraught, embarrassed and conflicted. Numerous revelations about Cardinal Law's decades-spanning, hush-hush style of managing cases of abuse have left parishioners yearning for leaders to guide the way through this dark moment of the Catholic Church.

Along with 57 other priests, Reverend Earley emerged. By calling for Law's resignation, Earley provided the strongest voice yet for local Catholics who have spent the year feeling powerless in their desire to defeat such horror and remain focused on their faith.

The resignation of Law is but one step in the right direction. Much is left to be done if leaders of the Catholic Church are to correct the sins of their past, protect all children, and restore the faith and confidence of disillusioned parishioners.

The Town Crier honors Reverend Earley for his moral clarity, courage and leadership. May his own voice inspire others to speak loudly and clearly for what is right.



Standing Eight Count

...by Stephen Bjork

Have you got your Christmas lights up?

The lights are nice to look at, as long as they don't blink. Driving along in the car with the family, we point out the houses that have big displays and we grace them with the appropriate levels of "ooohs" and "aaaahs." I hate the ones that blink, though.

Some people put a lot of time and effort into their Christmas displays, but for many of these people, lights are just not enough. Oh, sure, they start out with a string of lights here and a string of lights there, but after a while lights just don't supply them with the same level of satisfaction.

Maybe you started out with a couple of strings of lights on each of the bushes next to your front steps. Looked real good. Maybe the next year, the wife offhandedly mentioned that a string on the Crab-Apple tree at the end of the driveway might look really nice. You liked that idea, but you didn't buy just one string did you? You figured that it would take at least three strings to do that tree justice. No big deal. You make a good living and could easily foot the bill for three strings of Christmas lights. You could stop anytime you wanted.

Good Lord, if only it had stopped with the Crab-Apple tree you'd have been fine!

The Crab-Apple tree was just the beginning, wasn't it? Every year meant more lights. No vegetation in your yard was off limits. You held out for as long as you could before you violated the rhododendrons, but after you'd done such nice work with the forsythia bushes there seemed to be nowhere else to go. Once the rhododendrons were "taken care of" you really lost control. A Santa's sleigh on the roof, light up Mr. and Mrs. Clause on the lawn, light up reindeer scattered about, five candles in every window. If only the stupid dog would stay still for ten minutes.

The neighbors were starting to talk, especially after hearing outbursts like, "I need to make room for the elves! Where the **** am I going to put these ******* elves!!??"

Remember the year you let the kids help? Do you remember how much you yelled and screamed when the kids set up the life-sized Nativity scene with Joseph handing out "It's a Boy!" cigars to the three Wisemen? You were inconsolable for days and now the kids hide in their rooms, trembling under their covers, whenever Daddy is "lighting".

How many days have you called in sick to the office every year because of bad bulbs? How many hours have you spent going through every single bulb to find the bad one? You are never going to get those hours back, my friend.

While the rest of us spend Thanksgiving evening in front of football games, deeply immersed within a turkey induced triptophan stupor; these freaks are running around their yards with extension cords and a staple gun.

That's a dangerous scene and not an easy one to get out of. I speak from experience. Several years ago the "icicle lights" became very popular. Icicle lights are the ones that run along the front of a house's roof line with strings of white lights hanging down at varying lengths. My wife loved them at first sight and she asked me to go out and get some. I was happy to oblige, what harm could come of it?

The first three stores I visited were completely sold out of icicle lights, but luckily I met a guy in a van who had plenty. He was part of a Black Market for Christmas lights, or Blacklight Market as he described it. He gave me the first string free.

"Try these and if you like 'em I can set you up with enough for your whole house. And tell your friends I can get anything they need," he told me.

My house is not the biggest house on the block, but it is unusually long, just over 60 feet, as a matter of fact. The box boasted 100 lights; maybe one string would be enough. No, not quite. Thanks to the icicle effect each string only covered about five feet of frontage, but it sure was going to look nice when it was done. I called the beeper number my dealer gave me and raced to meet him, hungry for more lights, and he set me up nicely...for a cost.

It took me a day and half on my shaky ladder to complete the project, but when they were all up I called my wife out to witness the big moment.

There we stood at the end of the driveway arm and arm like a couple of idiots right out of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. I plugged in the lights and we took in the sight of 1,200 icicle lights adorning our home. All was right with the world.

And then, suddenly, one of the strings in the middle started to blink. On, off, on, off, on, off. No problem, I could pull that string down in the morning and fix it. There must be a control bulb at one end of it that needs to be replaced.

Then another string started to blink. Within moments, I had 1,200 bulbs blinking on my blanking house. I stood frozen while my wife broke out in laughter. The bulbs were communicating with me in some kind of cruel Morse code. "You are a mental defective, you are a mental defective," they were saying over and over again. I went into the house, a shell of the man I had been. I would deal with it in the morning.

I didn't sleep well that night. What had I done? I tossed and turned, tortured by the image of some poor unsuspecting epileptic driving past my house and having a seizure induced by my blinking lights? The ensuing car crash, the God awful carnage. Could I be sued for that? Would homeowner's cover it?

I spent the entire next day looking for that control bulb, but I never found it. I don't think there ever was one. I put up a sign at each end of my street that read "EPILEPTICS PROCEED AT OWN RISK" and just allowed my house to blink like crazy for the rest of the holiday season.

I wasn't able to return the icicle lights. The van was gone. They sit up in my attic now in a cold dark corner right next to the two dozen unused Chia-Pets we've received over the years.

We don't joke about the icicle lights in my house, we don't talk about them, we don't even think about them.

Letters to the Editor

Her granddaughter would love to hear from you

Dear Editor:

My granddaughter is stationed overseas for the holidays. She is a member of the United States Air Force. Please have children send letters to her. It will make her holidays a little bit brighter! Her address is as follows:

S. Sgt. Daigle Barbara A
40 AEW-JA
APO-AP-96490.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,
Irene Appleby
Grandma

Fight will continue to keep library at Town Common

Dear Editor:

The $130,000 Town of Wilmington Master Plan is the best comprehensive study of our town's goals and says specifically in section 3.5.6, "Keep the Library at the Town Common." It goes on to say, "we recommend that the town continue to locate major municipal uses in the area surrounding the Town Common. The presence of the library and Town Hall at this site will enhance its function as a major municipal activity center."

I feel disenfranchised by "the Town" because they drafted an amendment into the original RFQ two days after all amendments could be done to steer the feasibility study away from the preferred sites to the preferred site. That preferred site is not the Swain School location because the administration insists that it has been determined to be the site for a future town hall. They say it is based on years and many studies. I have only seen reference to that determination in one report prior to The Space Needs Study of 1997 by Archetype Architecture Inc, The Eliot Comprehensive General Plan of 1970.

In the Eliot report there are only two lines that mention the Town Hall or administrative services at the 8,784 square-foot Center School Site. Not the 17,952 square-foot Swain Site but the Center School Site. The Center School site is no longer there. When the opportunity came to move to the location of the Town Hall when the Center School was razed, "the Town" chose not to do so. The Swain was mentioned as a possible school administrative building and the Buzzell School was to be converted to a school curriculum center. This was called for in the program or long-range plans of the Eliot Report. A brand new library had just been built and opened adjacent to the town common and was built with the intention of servicing a population projected to be 30,000 in 1980. The population of Wilmington was 17,500 when the library was built and in 2002 it is approximately 22,000. A 20 percent increase in 32 years.

The Whitefield site in the Eliot report was recommended as "a recreational asset" and conversion of that building and site to a court-sport community recreation center and part of the frontage could be a site for the much needed North Wilmington Fire Station.

The Space Needs Study prepared in 1997 by Archetype Architects Inc, again has the Whitefield as a recreation facility to be completed in 2002. It was to replace the Jason Stevenson Park that was being razed to build the New Public Safety Building adjacent to Rotary Park. As stated in the 2002 Wilmington Open Space Report, to replace "part" of the Jason Stevenson Memorial Park, the Town has installed new playground equipment across the street in Rotary Park. The equipment that they replaced was for toddlers, the former Jason Stevenson Memorial Park represented the recreation needs of all children, including a basketball /roller hockey court, 5 adult sized swings, 1 toddler swing, a slide, tire swing and a jungle gym. We are still waiting for the "Park" part.

One of the four scenarios of the 1997 Space Needs Study does list the Swain as a possible Municipal Center. The other three proposals have an addition to the Glen Road School to bring the Town Hall building to 22,000 square feet, not 40,000 square feet as the administration has said they need. All four proposals have an addition to the existing library at its current site.

The Town of Wilmington Master Plan also states that The Town Library is a vital component of the Town Common area. The Library anchors the Town Common area as the center of Wilmington's civic life. The true visions of the Wilmington Master Plan was to keep the library at the Town Common and create a civic and social common for the town to bring identity and pride to a central location in town for all to enjoy.

There is not one word mentioned of the library being located at the Whitefield site in the Eliot Report, the Space Needs Study of 1997 or the entire Wilmington Master Plan of 2001. It has been mentioned as the preferred site in the $54,000 Tappé Associates feasibility study but as Drayton Fair has stated, all of the four sites are feasible. So the reality is that we can build a library at any one of the four locations and they would be extremely grateful if we allowed them to design it.

Our intent has always been to keep the library at the town common, not to stop the modernization of our library. We will not concede our beliefs or undermine the work of those 45 years of planning and studies for the Town of Wilmington. We intend to keep the library at the town common. If it forces us to stop the construction of a new library at Whitefield location so be it. We will press the fight as hard as we must to insure the vision of our cultural and civic center stays at the Wilmington Town Common.

Dan Woodbury
Wilmington

Letters to the Editor

Many are delighted about a library at the Whitefield School

Dear Editor:

Recently, a letter appeared on these pages written by a self-described "new homeowner," in which the writer expressed an opinion regarding the future of our town's proposed new library. This new homeowner expressed a belief that virtually all the people of this town want a new library that will stay on the town common, that they are willing to put extra time and money into an effort to achieve this, and that the politicians of the town are simply standing in their way.

The "vision of the Master Plan" is cited as a compelling rationale for keeping the library on the common. The implication is that most, if not all, townspeople do not support putting a new library at the Whitefield School site because they are holding out for fulfillment of this vision. Yet, there are different groups of citizens who, for various reasons, voted against and continue to object to the plan to put a library at the Whitefield School site. They include, but are certainly not limited to, people who want to keep the library on the town common. These groups include:

1. Those who do not want a tax increase. These are people who feel they cannot or should not pay higher taxes. The particulars are moot. They will always vote "no" on any plan that raises their taxes.

2. Those who do not want to tear down the Whitefield School. Many of these people see it as an historic site. Some are alumni with a sentimental attachment to the building. It is unclear how building a library at the "Swain site" will address their concerns. Isn't the Swain School considered an historic site in this town and aren't there also alumni who will protest its destruction?

3. Those who want to renovate the existing library building. Some of these people do not understand or do not believe that it would actually cost more money to renovate the existing building than to move to the Whitefield site. Perhaps they have a sentimental attachment to the current library building. However, most people who want improved library services agree that the quickest, most cost effective way to achieve this is with a new building on an adequately sized lot. That is why the Whitefield site continues to look attractive.

4. Those who want the new library at the "Swain site." Yet they continue to remain vague and inconsistent regarding their "Swain plan." Would they tear down the school? Do they think they can realistically turn the existing building into a library? At what cost? Do they truly believe that they can muster a majority of citizens in this town who would accept an even higher tax increase than has already been proposed in order to put the library on the site of the Swain?

5. Those who believe the existing library is perfectly adequate for the town's needs.

As becomes clear when looking at a breakdown such as this, it is far from obvious that the majority of this town wants a new library on the town common at any cost. Those who do believe a library on the town common will create "a more community-centric place" disregard the fact that the library has always been on the common and its presence there has not created this vision yet. In fact, it could be suggested that to achieve the "vision of the Master Plan," changes need to be made and that maintaining the status quo (i.e. keeping the library on the common at all costs) is exactly what should be avoided.

Although those in favor of a new library at the Whitefield School site have not yet been able to demonstrate an overwhelming majority, the fact that the pro-Whitefield article was approved at the first town meeting and narrowly defeated at the second points to a substantial portion of the voting public that DOES support the Whitefield site as an appropriate location for a new library. And this is a group with a single goal - a new library, sooner rather than later. The anti-Whitefield contingent is so fractured as to be unable to articulate a coherent and viable alternative for a new library, if that is, in fact, what they really want.

It is true that a small but very vocal group regularly attends public meetings and objects to almost anything stated by town officials. Do not be fooled into thinking that because this group is so vocal that they speak for the vast majority. The fact is, there are people in this town who are delighted with the Whitefield plan, but most of them are not going to public meetings because they have no further questions to ask! They are ready to move ahead on the only concrete, detailed plan they have seen for a new library - which would be at the Whitefield School. It is unclear, at this point, whether they can muster a majority, but to deny their existence is to paint a very incomplete picture of the issue.

Terry McDermott
Wilmington

The $9M is not too "cool" with her

Dear Editor:

Only truth and justice shall prevail. Hear ye, hear ye, all ye weary taxpayers. Please take note, the editorial that was written by Shawn P. Sullivan in last week's edition of the Town Crier. Also note the fantastic poem called "Twas the Night Before . . ." that George R. Allan wrote.

Praise truth, injustice is not fair. Praise the handful of activists, who diligently attend meetings, with guts to speak up for justice, because they all truly care.

Now, reference the Town Crier "OPINION."

WOW, we've got a COOL 9 MILLION! Dear Lord, how'd we go from RED to BLACK??? Cause we've all been HOODWINKED, yes, totally OVERTAXED. 'Tis time for all ye taxpayers to vow to fit up, take notice, get involved, again, read Shawn Sullivan's "OPINION."

Yes, tis time for a taxpayers revolt! 'Fore we're all B R O K E, fore we all C R O A K, from injustice of HIGH TAXES. 'Tis just not right. All vow to get together. Let's all put up a just fight.

Now, Lord, please praise Selectman Ray Lepore. With Wilmington in the BLACK, he's the only selectman with guts, voting against a tax increase, for he is truly caring, honest and fair.

Sincerely,
Sonja M. Carlson
Wilmington

P. S. I have been a resident of Wilmington for more than 60 years and a taxpayer for 47 years . . . My taxes are now about three times more than in 1956 and, being on a fixed income, it is not fair to burden the elderly with unjust taxes. Our town is $9 million in the BLACK because we have been totally overtaxed for too many years. Help!

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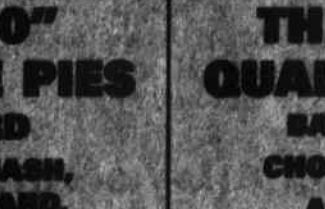
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FROSTY'S FRIENDS. Tewksbury cousins Alanna and Matthew Dooling, who are both two and a half years old, made a really "cool" friend last Saturday when they took a trip to the Recreation Center on Livingston Street and joined the holiday party that was held there. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)





Backyard Birding

by Hugh Wiberg

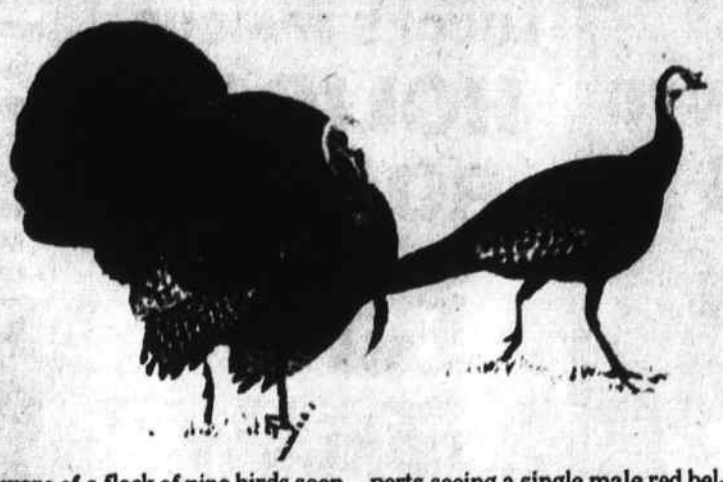
Let's Talk Turkey

Reports of wild turkeys seen in Wilmington and Tewksbury are coming in now, after a slow start this fall. As recently as 1960, there were no sightings of this handsome game bird in Massachusetts, due to the clearing of the land between, roughly, the early 18th and the mid-20th centuries.

Thanks to the efforts of one individual, Dave Cardoza, a biologist with the Mass. Division of Wildlife, 37 turkeys were trapped in southwestern New York in the winter of 1961 and 1962 and released in Massachusetts. Half of these birds were released in the Berkshires, the balance were set free in northern Essex County.

Cardoza, still active with the Division of Wildlife, estimates there are now upwards of 20,000 turkeys in Massachusetts, and possibly half again that many more. Nationally, it is estimated that nearly six million of this uniquely American bird are scrabbling around in our country's woods and forests. Only Alaska of the 50 states does not have a turkey population.

All of this having been said, it is no wonder that turkey sightings have become fairly common here in Middlesex County. Since last month's column appeared, I am aware of a flock of nine birds seen regularly in North Wilmington, westerly of Brown's Crossing on Andover Street. This is a mixed flock of males, females and almost full grown juveniles, all of whom appear to be in excellent health. I also heard from Helen Reardon who lives on Bemis Circle in Tewksbury. Helen sees five turkeys off an on wandering around in her neighborhood.



Since mid November, our phone has been quite busy with "bird" calls. One such call was from a Tewksbury resident (who was a little shy and requested anonymity) who asked why the small "black oil" sunflower seeds in one of her feeders disappeared twice as fast as the larger, striped sunflower seeds in another feeder. The answer is that the small black seeds have a thinner coat, and are much easier to crack. The smaller birds, especially the finches, soon learn that it is easier to get to the "nut" inside the shells of the smaller black oil seeds. The nutritional value of the two types is the same.

Space does not allow for a complete listing of recent sightings, but here is a representative sampling. Jerry Duggan, who lives on Butters Row in Wilmington, reports seeing a single male red bellied woodpecker on his suet feeder. (I suggested that he keep a sharp eye out, since there is probably a female around nearby.) Jerry also sees a pair of mockingbirds daily in his neighborhood.

Dave Bavota (Adams Street) he of the white winged crossbills last winter, has a pair of Carolina wrens visiting his suet feeders. Michael Emmons of Grand Street in Wilmington reported that a single Carolina wren is seen regularly around his yard. This is a pretty little bird (page 215 in Peterson's eastern field guide) whose distinguishing field mark is the bold white line above his (or her) eyes. Carolina wrens and red bellied woodpeckers are two relative newcomers to central New England, since 1996 and 1997. They have moved their winter range northward two or three hundred miles, probably due, according to MA Audubon, to a slight warming trend the last several winters.

Sandra Day of Wilmington reported seeing several cowbirds in her yard late in November. This was unusual, since cowbirds, as migrators, usually depart to the south early in October. What is unique about cowbirds is that the female of this specie lays her eggs, singly, in other birds' nests, for the host birds to rear. Curious behavior, not understood by ornithologists.

Henry Angus of Bond Street in Tewksbury called to say he is seeing three mute swans on Long Pond. These are probably the same birds seen last month on Silver Lake in Wilmington.

Time to wrap it up for this month. Just one other thing, and what follows is flagrantly self serving, for which I apologize in advance. Up until several months ago, Wilmington Center News on Main Street in Wilmington was selling my latest book "Hand Feeding Backyard Birds." That store is now out of business. Should anyone wish to buy an autographed copy, inscribed to you or to a friend as a Christmas gift, you may call me and buy a copy at the "Author's Discount" price of $15.95 (Barnes and Noble or Borders will charge you the full retail price of $19.95). Call me at 978-658-5852 and we'll figure out how to make the direct contact.

In the January bird column, we will update our winter bird census. Meanwhile, Happy Holidays to one and all!

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Births

HILL: Connor Thomas, second child, first son to Rodmen and Sandra (Harding) Hill of Wilmington, November 20 at Hallmark Health/Melrose- Wakefield Campus.

Grandparents include Tom and Marcia Harding of Woburn and Elton and Linda Hill of Southington, CT.

Connor joins his sister, 21 month old Emily.

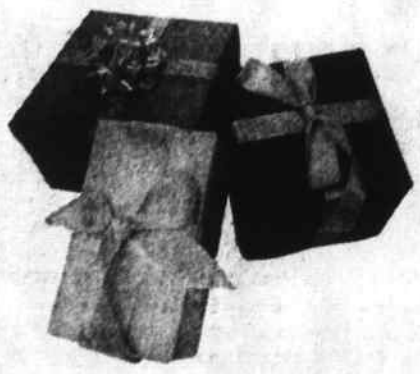
PALLADINO: Marie Rose, third child, first daughter to Anthony and Patricia (Murphy) Palladino of Revere, November 21 at Hallmark Health/ Melrose-Wakefield Campus.

Grandparents include Rose and James Murphy of Wilmington and Stephen Palladino of East Boston.

Great-grandmothers are Mary Murphy of Revere and Mary Lindquist of Malden.

Maria joins her brothers Anthony and Christopher.

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Teen craft workshop at Tewksbury Library

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This free hands-on class will cover making a set of holiday thank-you cards. You will learn about rubber stamping basics, types of papers and inks, paper layering and card design. Spend a fun afternoon creating handmade cards and pick up a new hobby!

The workshop will be held Monday, December 30 at 2:30 PM in the library. It is limited to 15 teens, grades seven and up. Signup is required, so call 978-640-4490, extension 207 to get your name on the list today.

For more info on programs and services for teens, visit www.tewksburypl.org and click on "Teen Page."

Santa Day occurs this weekend

TEWKSBURY - Senior citizens will be holding a Santa Day and Ice Cream Party this Sunday, December 22, at the Senior Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Tewksbury Senior Citizen tickets are free, while other adult tickets are $1 and children's tickets 50 cents. As previously noted, this is a great time to bring along the grandchildren for an ice cream sundae and a picture with Santa.

Tickets are available from Carol Hazel. It would appreciated if you obtained your ticket prior to the event. However, tickets will be available at the door while they last.

Tuesday Zingo will break for the holiday season and will resume January 7 at its regular time. Yoga classes will also be on holiday break and will resume January 7 and 10. Country line dance will resume January 9.

Tickets have been booked to the play "Mamma Mia." This play will be presented in April . . . yes, April. The cost is $80 per person and includes orchestra seats and transportation! A great gift for the extra special someone on your list. The trip date is Wednesday, April 23, 2003.

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MEMA participants are scheduled for a training program. This meeting will be held April 23, 2003.

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Tewksbury students are showing the holiday spirit

By STEPHEN BJORK

TEWKSBURY - Local students are giving back to the community during the holiday season in a big way.

Students at the Heath Brook School, the Loella F. Dewing School, and the John F. Ryan School are participating in a "Giving Tree" program. Students have been choosing ornaments from the tree that have inside of them a special request for a gift for a needy child in the community.

The Heath Brook School will also be conducting their annual Coats for Kids drive, while students, faculty, and staff of the Loella F. Dewing School will be raising money for the Sun Santa Fund. The faculty of the Loella F. Dewing School is going one more step by assembling holiday baskets for the needy.

Students at the Louise D. Trahan School are collecting items for the Toys for Tots drive as well as gift cards for children and teens who are served by the Department of Social Services. They are additionally working in concert with Anton's Cleaners on a coat drive to last through January of 2003.

North Street School students will be collecting gifts and toiletries to give to the residents of Tewksbury State Hospital.

Students at the John W. Wynn School started early by conducting an impressive food drive during the month of November, and they continue their charitable activities with a Toys for Tots drive in December and a coat drive in January.

The Student Council of Tewksbury Memorial High School is involved in a food drive and is also conducting a clothing drive to benefit Alternative House, the Pine Street Inn, and Tewksbury Hospital. They have recently engaged in a Penny War to raise money to purchase farm animals.

Members of the National Honor Society at Tewksbury Memorial High School will conduct a fund drive to benefit UNICEF, a coat drive in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Anton's Cleaners and a joint gift giving project with the Student Council.



HANGING OUT WITH CHARLIE. Brian McCauley, left, of Tewksbury, had a grand ol' time with Charlie in the Box during the first holiday family party to be held at the Recreation Center on Livingston Street last weekend. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

New "Choice" available to seniors

WILMINGTON - Do you have a loved one on the verge of requiring nursing home placement, but you are looking for an alternative that could allow this person to remain in their home where they prefer to stay? Is this person presently on MassHealth? If the answer to these two questions is "yes," there may finally be an alternative available.

Executive Office of Elder Affairs has opened a new program called "Community Choice" to Medicaid clients that are nursing facility eligible. Eligibility requirements include: age 60 or over; MassHealth member; at imminent risk of nursing facility placement. This is a demonstration program being offered to only Medicaid clients at this time, but it's a start. Your loved one could possibly be eligible for Medicaid if their income meets eligibility requirements, exclusive of their spouse's income if they have a spouse.

"Community Choice" offers clients enhanced home care, including personal care, homemaking, shopping, laundry, and transportation as well as management of care. "Community Choice" provides preferred in-home at great savings to our tax dollars to clients who have extensive needs presently being met by overwhelmed caretakers. "Community Choice" does not provide formal 24 hour care, but it will help provide assistance and respite to families of clients who do require 24 hour care.

Please call Minuteman Senior Services at 781-272-7177 or 978-263-8720.

WPD targets drunk drivers during winter holidays

WILMINGTON - To reduce impaired driving on our roadways, the Wilmington Police Department will join more than 260 Massachusetts local police departments and the State Police in the Winter Holidays Mobilization of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's Click It or Ticket Campaign.

"Drunk driving is a violent crime, not an innocent lapse in someone's judgment," said Chief Bernard Nally. "During this upcoming holiday season, we'll have extra traffic enforcement looking for impaired drivers, as well as those who speed, drive aggressively, and do not use safety belts and child safety seats. All of this effort is to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends."

The Click It or Ticket Campaign's Thanksgiving Mobilization helped to reduce motor vehicle related fatalities from 10 each during the 2000 and 2001 Thanksgiving holiday periods to three reported fatalities during this year's holiday period. Nine people died in motor vehicle crashes over the 2001 Christmas and New Year's holiday periods.

The battle to reduce drunk driving in Massachusetts got a boost last month with the enactment of a law requiring judges to consider drunk driving convictions further back than 10 years when sentencing offenders. Earlier convictions will now be taken into consideration by judges in sentencing time, with allowance being made only for second offenders with a first conviction more than 10 years ago. Between 1,6000 and 18,000 people are arrested annually for impaired driving in Massachusetts. There were 120,000 drivers with one prior DUI conviction and 65,000 with two more DUI convictions in Massachusetts in 2001.



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The Senior Net Computer Lab, designed specifically for adult learners, offers a comfortable setting to learn computer skills. Classes are limited to five students with two instructors. Each session is eight weeks with classes scheduled for either mornings or afternoons. Elder Services is conveniently located off Route 495, Lawrence, with ample parking. There is a small fee for the computer classes.

For more information, call 978-683-7747 x 516, leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Breakfast with Santa

TEWKSBURY - The Pines of Tewksbury will host breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 21 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Pines is located at 2580 Main Street, Tewksbury and children and adults of all ages are urged to be on hand to celebrate the holiday season. Call 978-657-0800.

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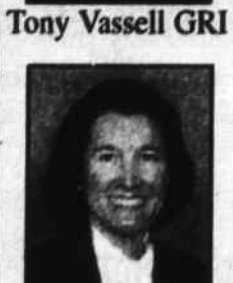
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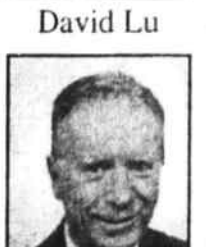
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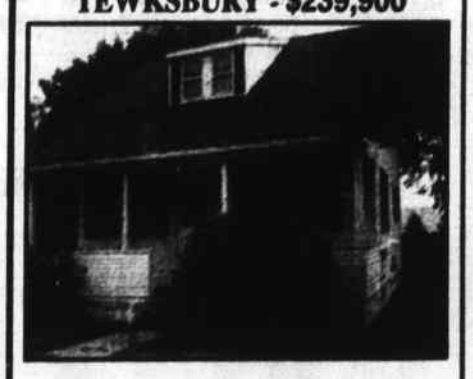


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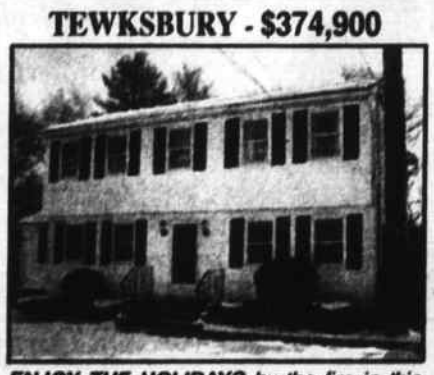
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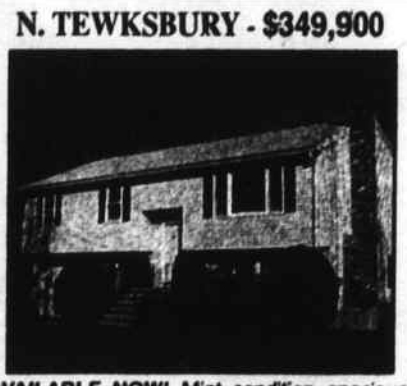
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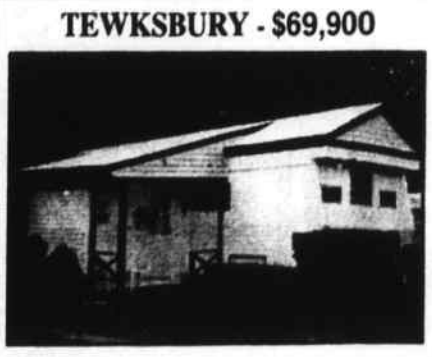
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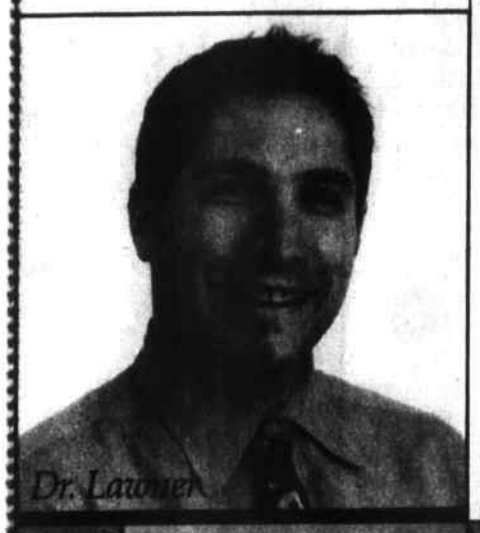
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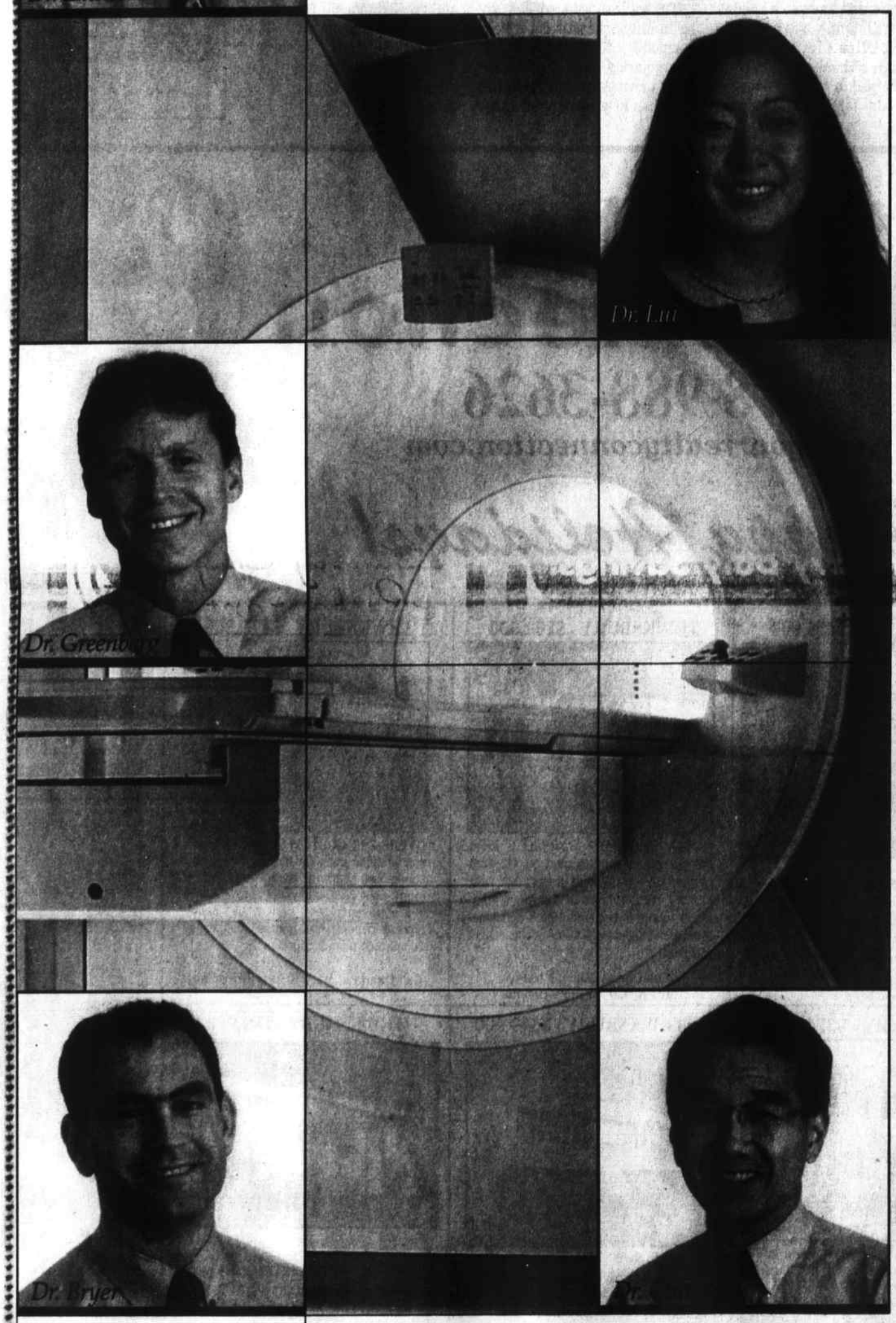


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Tewksbury receives $7,978 in state recycling assistance

TEWKSBURY - Representative James R. Miceli has reported that Tewksbury recently received $7,978 from the Commonwealth's Clean Environment Fund to be used for recycling assistance.

The total amount distributed across the state was $43,745.

In addition to the municipal grant, the Tewksbury redemption center received $31,939.

A staunch environmental advocate, Miceli believes one of the many ways to improve environmental conditions locally and statewide is to promote recycling.

The legislature has worked successfully with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to develop a plan to address some of the problems with solid waste management.

This monetary assistance is a response to the "Beyond 2000 Solid Waste Plan," which sets clear objectives to address this concern.

Some of the goals of the "Beyond 2000 Solid Waste Plan" are to decrease by 70 percent the amount of waste generated by the year 2010, and to reduce the toxicity of waste by providing the means to safely dispose of hazardous products.

Representative Miceli believes that this is an excellent program with great potential.

"I have been very involved with the residents of Tewksbury and Wilmington in attempting to clean up both the Rocco and Maple Meadow Landfills," Miceli said "This effort will help to ensure that these environmental disasters will not happen again. We need to develop ways to properly dispose of toxic wastes, and recycle whenever possible."

Representative Miceli hopes that local residents will do what they can to help the environment.

"To avoid more problems in the future, I would strongly encourage residents in both Tewksbury and Wilmington to recycle," he said.

Representative Miceli also wanted to recognize and thank all of the members of the Tewksbury recycling committee.

"They are to be commended for all their hard work and their dedication to the Town of Tewksbury," he said. "Your work on behalf of the environment is greatly appreciated."



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President Susan Muse with the Wilmington Branch Staff

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Holiday Fun at the Library

Cool Sites for the Holidays

Erin Apostolos, Assistant Network Administrator for the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC) has compiled a list of great web sites for kids and parents looking for holiday activities, e-cards, traditions, stories and much more. Click on MVLC Kids Web on the library's web site at www.wilmlibrary.org and go to "Cool Sites."

Holiday Classics

The library's collection includes many holiday classics for your reading, listening and viewing pleasure during the holiday season. The library's video collection has many family Christmas favorites, such as, It's a Wonderful Life, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, White Christmas, and The Nutcracker. While baking cookies or driving to a holiday get together, listen to the audio version of Gift of the Magi by O. Henry in O. Henry's Favorites or The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. Timeless classics to read aloud with your family include The Polar Express by the Chris Van Allsburg and The Night Before Christmas by Clement Moore. Check out these and the many beautiful holiday picture books on display in the Children's Room.

Holiday Decorations

The Friends of the Library got together on December 6 at the library for the annual Holiday Decorating Party. Delicious treats and a "Yankee" book swap added to the fun of decorating the main floor of the library with snowmen, wreaths and trees.

Thanks again to the Wilmington Garden Club for the lovely wreaths on the front of the library.

Calling "Crafty" Teens

Teens are invited to stop by the library to help Teen Services Librarian Nathalie Demers decorate the Winter Bulletin board in the Teen area. Make your own snowflake cards and inside make suggestions for new library materials. Ms. Demers will post the cards with suggestions on the Teen bulletin board. Here's your chance to help decide what new items the library should buy! Don't miss out! All craft materials supplied.

Registration for Storytelling

Registrations for Winter Story Times will be taken at the Children's Room beginning on Monday, December 23 for three, four, and five year-olds not yet attending kindergarten. Storytimes will begin the week of January 5 and continue through February 14.

Three year-olds may attend on either Wednesday or Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Four (and five) year-olds may attend either Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Registrations may be made in person or by calling the Children's Room at 978-694-2098.

Holiday schedule

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, the library will be closed Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day.

Public meeting question

One question that has been asked at the public meetings is how the size of the proposed new library building was determined.

Answer: The building program is the basis for the recommended size of the library. The initial building program was prepared by a library building consultant in 1998 and updated by the Library Director and staff in 2000. The development of the building program also included input from Library Trustees, Friends of the Library and library patrons. A building program describes the overall space need, classifies the need into functional areas and the optimum interrelationship among the areas. Using standard formulas for collection growth, equipment and furnishings, meeting spaces and work spaces, an approximate size of the building is derived. The total is then increased by 25 percent to 35 percent to account for "unassignable" space (elevators, lobby, restrooms, HVAC, etc.). It should be noted that the building program is the logical outgrowth of the library's mission and long range plan. The estimated size of the library as described in the building program done in 1998 and updated in 2000 is approximately 32,815 square feet. In reviewing the building program during the feasibility study, it was determined that the unassignable factor needed to be increased. This resulted in a preliminary conceptual design for a new library of approximately 36,000 square feet.

Be on the Tree

The Town Crier Christmas Tree

Every year the Town Crier sends greetings to family and friends from the townspeople by way of the Town Crier Christmas Tree. This year it will appear on the back page of the Christmas edition. It will be published on December 25th. Ornaments on the tree are $10.00 each. Deadline will be Thursday, December 19th at 5:00 PM.

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THE WESTS MEET A BRUIN. Frank, Frankie, Karen and Colleen West had a special visitor at West Real Estate last weekend. Brad Park, who played defense for the Boston Bruins from 1975 to 1983, stopped by and signed autographs for fans who brought donations for the Toys for Tots program that the Wests and their friends have been running this holiday season. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Tewksbury Datebook

Community of Hope will be providing Christmas relief for families who cannot afford gifts. Those interested may register for assistance at 978-851-5647 and leave a message with name and phone number. Those who know of someone in need of assistance, please call us. We will help as much as possible without taking away anyone's dignity. Here at CoH, we understand that it is hard to ask for help, but if there is a need; we are here.

VNA Care Network's hospice program needs volunteers in eastern Mass. Training, supervision and support provided. Call 617-547-2620 ext. 3471.

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Moms & Tots: sponsored by Tewks. United Methodist Church, South and Main; drop by any and all Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 978-658-9551.

Second Wed: Of Each month, 7 p.m., Shawsheen River Watershed Assoc. meets at Tewks Public Library, Chandler Street at Main.

Big Brother/Big Sister is running a car campaign to support their mentoring programs. Prospective donors need to know that only those who itemize their taxes may take the fair market value as a contribution. Determining the value of the car is completely up to the donor, therefore, Big Brother/Big Sisters will not give a value. Call 1-800-859-6526.

Second and fourth Wed.: The Tewksbury Chapter of the American Chronic Pain Assoc. meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Call 978-640-9497 for information.

Third Sat., of each month: Good Will Industries at Tewks. DPW from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect computers and tvs. Donation of $5 will be requested.

Signup for Girl Scouts by calling Joyce at 978-640-8925 or email phamlyn@mediaone.net.

Every Thurs.: Al-Anon meeting at St. William's Church basement, Main St., Tewksbury; 7:30 p.m. Call Dottie at 978-851-7655.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimac valleychorus.com

Every Thurs.: Pre-Alateen meeting, 6:15 every Thursday at St. William's Church (basement), 1351 Main St., Tewks. Ages Six-12. Call Dottie at 979-851-7655.

Tues & Thurs: 7 to 11 p.m., Country Storm line dancing lessons with beginners night Thurs; open dancing for all 8-11 p.m. at VFW Hall, Vernon Street,

Sun., Dec. 22: 1 to 3 p.m., Santa Day and Ice Cream Party at Tewks. Senior Center.

Sat., Dec. 21: 9:30 a.m., Breakfast with Santa will be served at the Pines of Tewksbury; 2580 Main St., Tewksbury. Call 978-657-0800.

Sun., Dec. 22: 1 to 3 p.m., Senior Center Santa Day in Tewks. Tickets available at the Center now.

Mon., Dec. 23: Tewks. Hist. Soc. History Crawl will highlight the town's 268th birthday. Call 978-851-4966.

Tues., Dec. 24, Jan. 31: The Tewks. Treasurer/Collector, Assessor and Town Clerk offices will close at 4:30 p.m. Regular Tuesday evening hours will resume in January.

Mon., Dec. 30: 2:30 p.m. Learn to make thank-you cards at a seminar for teens in grades seven and up; led by Marilyn San Clemente at Tewks. Pub. Lib. Call 978-640-4490 x 207.

Tues., Dec. 31: 7 p.m., Golden Age Club New Year's Eve Party at Tewks. Senior Center.

Tues., Dec. 31: New Year's celebration at Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main Street. Cocktail hour, 7 to 9 p.m.; steamship buffet served at 8. Reservations required. Call 978-658-6342.

Thurs., Jan. 2: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lowell General Hosp./American Red Cross Blood Drive; Clark Auditorium. Call 978-937-6511.

Wilmington Datebook

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Sun., Dec. 22: 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas Christmas Concert. Call 781-245-1683.

Mon., Dec. 23: Registration for Winter Story Times begins at Wil. Mem. Lib. Call 978-658-2967.

Thurs., Jan. 2: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lowell General Hosp./American Red Cross Blood Drive; Clark Auditorium. Call 978-937-6511.

Mon., Jan. 5: Winter Storytimes begin at Wil. Mem. Lib. Call 978-658-2967.

Wed., Jan. 15: 7 p.m. at Wil. Middle School, public meeting to discuss the Library Feasibility study.

VNA Care Network's hospice program needs volunteers in eastern Mass. Training, supervision and support provided. Call 617-547-2620 ext. 3471.

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Goodwill Industries of Merrimack Valley is seeking donations for its Mass., N.H. stores. Call 866-453-0351.

Community of Hope will be providing Christmas relief for families who cannot afford gifts. Those interested may register for assistance at 978-851-5647 and leave a message with name and phone number. Those who know of someone in need of assistance, please call us. We will help as much as possible without taking away anyone's dignity. Here at CoH, we understand that it is hard to ask for help, but if there is a need; we are here.

Any Saturday: Take an older friend to lunch at Focaccia's, 2 Lowell Street, Wilmington, and your lunch will be free. Reservations suggested; 978-988-7999.

Second Thurs: of each month, 8 p.m., Wil. Minutemen Company meet at Headquarters, at the rear of Harnden Tavern, Woburn Street, near the corner of Rt. 62 in No. Wilmington. Meetings are open to any man or woman interested in local history.

All day, every day: Free blood pressure clinic at Wilmington Fire Station; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends included. No appointment necessary.

Tues., Thurs: Evenings at 7 and Friday at 10 a.m., Internet classes at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 658-2967.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimacvalleychorus.com

La Leche League Of Wilmington is a non-profit organization offering breast- feeding support and information through monthly meetings open to pregnant and nursing mothers from Wilmington and surrounding towns. Meetings are held at Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St., Wilmington, the second Friday of each month starting at 10 a.m. Call 978-694-1012.

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O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this request; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times)

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Essex River Cruises and Charters are offered from the Essex Marina at 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:30 , 5:30 and 7 p.m. May through October. Call 978-786-6981 for info and reservations.

Grandparents as Parents: Healthsouth St., Joseph Healthcare Center, 220 Pawtucket St., Lowell, 7 to 8:30 p.m. second Tues., of the month. Call 978-459-3242.

Fourth Mon. of the month 10-11:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, No. Chelmsford; Grandparents as parents. Call 978-459-3242.

Congregation Shalom, a Reform Congregation located in Chelmsford is offering open registration for their pre-school for three and four-year-olds. The classes meet once a month for an hour on Sundays. A parent or guardian is required to accompany their child. The cost is $100 for non-members. Call Stacy Garnick at 978-251-8091 for further information.

Greater Lowell Family YMCA has openings in their Preschool Program. Call 978-454-7825 ext. 23

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Massachusetts are expanding their car campaign to include boats. The car campaign throughout Massachusetts has proven to be a great success. Those who have unwanted boats to donate may receive a valuable tax deduction on their income tax. All boats are subject to the approval of a broker and must be fiberglass, seaworthy, and in marketable condition. Proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs.

If future plans include a new boat, a bigger boat, or no boat at all. The Boys & Girls Clubs would like to hear from you. Please call 1-800-246-0493.

La Leche League of Billerica offers monthly support meetings for pregnant and nursing mothers. Call 978-670-1309.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Mass. is conducting a car campaign to support their program. Call 1-800-720-6233 for information.

Lowell Y Preschool; Is now accepting registration for their fall programs. Children must be at least two years and nine months old to attend. Call 978-454-7825.

Skin Screenings; Skin cancer is the most common cancer, but most forms are easily treated if detected early. Lahey's Dept. of Dermatology offers free skin screenings for the public, by appointment only. Call 781-744-8979.

Adoption Support: Group Fourth Sunday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at 19 Campbell Road, Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Fall swim Classes: Boys and Girls Club of Greater Billerica is accepting registration for fall swim classes. Call 978-667-2193 or stop by the club at 19 Campbell Road.

Each Wednesday: The Northshoremen A Cappella chorus needs men who like to sing. The chorus meets each Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Italian Community Center, 307 Rantoul St., Beverly. Call 978-927-7894.

La Leche League of Billerica offers monthly support meetings for pregnant and nursing mothers. Call accredited leaders at 978-256-2967; 978-256-4804 or 978-749-0645.

Sacred Choral Artists: a 40 member choral ensemble celebrating the beauty and artistry of sacred music, is seeking new members. All parts welcome to audition. Rehearsals Monday evenings in Haverhill. Call 781-665-9245; www.sacredchoralartists.org.

Mother to Mother: is accepting dues for the 2002-03 year. This is a non-profit support group for parents and their children from Burlington and surrounding towns. Call Mary at 781-238-8267.

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fourth Mon. of each month, Adoptive support group for pre and post adoptive families at Billerica Boys & Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Tuesdays: 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., seniors 55 and older full course meals and periodic health awareness programs at Lahey Clinic Medical Center's cafeteria. Call 781-744-3414.

Every Sunday: Brunch, all you can eat buffet at No. Reading Moose Lodge, 140 North Street. Call 978-664-8561.

Mon-Fri: Lowell Association for the Blind needs volunteers who can join the LAB Talking Information Center Radio Reading Service to read and record news. Call 978-454-5704 Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mon & Wed., 9 to 10 a.m., Lowell Boys Club offers water aerobics. Call 458-4526.

Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs: 7 to 9 p.m., Childbirth classes at Winchester Hospital. Call 781-756-4700.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7784; www.merrimacvalleychorus.com

For information: regarding Winchester Hospital's Senior Health Partnership's Walking Program for seniors, call 781-756-4774.

Big Brother/Big Sister is running a car campaign to support their mentoring programs. Prospective donors need to know that only those who itemize their taxes may take the fair market value as a contribution. Determining the value of the car is completely up to the donor, therefore, Big Brother/Big Sisters will not give a value. Call 1-800-859-6526.

Grandparents as parents: Second Tuesday; fourth Monday of each month. Tues., 7-8:30 p.m. at St.s Mem. Hosp., Lowell cafe; Mon., 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, Chelmsford. Call 978-459-3242 for details.

Adoption Center: Information and support each fourth Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Billerica Boys and Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

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HEROES BIG AND SMALL. Shawsheen Elementary School students Zach Blanch and Ryan Cocca, seen here at left and right, helped deliver toys to firefighter Bill Herrick, so that the Wilmington Fire Department can present them to families in Wilmington who need a helping hand this holiday season. The toy drive at the Shawsheen School is operated by teachers LeeAnn Sadowski, Noel Bouchie and Sue Hender. This year, the students raised $1,648 -- and 58 cents -- in just one week . . . and brought in scooters, boom boxes, snowboards, books and games to boot. (Denise Blair photo)

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History class on a roll at TMHS

TEWKSBURY - The students in the Advanced Placement American History class at Tewksbury Memorial High School battéd one thousand on this year's Advanced Placement examination. All 16 of the students in Ms. Nadine Sutliff's class achieved passing grades on the difficult examination and thus qualified for up to six hours of credit at the colleges of their choice.

Achieving the highest possible score of "five" on the exam were:

Angela Castaldo
Stephanie Maksian
Mitchell O'Connor
Stephen Zontini.

In the block schedule followed at Tewksbury Memorial High School the students spent 84 minutes every day all year long studying Americans History in depth with their teacher, Ms. Nadine Sutliff. They also spent at least one hour every night completing wide ranging assignments such as research projects, group presentations, and in-depth analysis papers. Their study was so thorough and their work so quality that they not only scored high on the A.P. exam, several of them also achieved very high marks on the SAT II exam in American History.

Each of the members of this outstanding class is now applying to colleges. Without a doubt, their achievements in the A.P. class and on the A.P. exam will go a long way toward getting a fistfull of acceptances.

Pictured in the A.P. American History classroom are: first row: Stephen Zontini, David Bradley, Michael Cintolo, Ryan Jarek, Angela Castaldo. Second row: Kim Decelle, Stephanie Maksian, Tara Hughes, Heather Watkins, Erica Chin, Ms. Nadine Sutliff. Third row: Julianne Bradley, Michael Blaisdell, Ryan Byrne, Mitchell O'Connor, Jeff Bourgeois, John Cintolo.

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Wilmington Police Log

Monday, December 9

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Lowell Street and at the junction of Routes 125 and 93.

John Picket, 42, of Wilmington, was arrested on a warrant.

Tuesday, December 10

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Butterdvale Street.

Windows at the Town Hall were reportedly broken in an act of malicious damage.

Police seized eleven pounds of marijuana in the course of an ongoing investigation.

Two residents reported that they heard the sounds of possible gunshots in the area of Boutwell Street and Swain Road.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Marion Street.

Benjamin Santiago, 24, of Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the suspension of his driver's license.

Wednesday, December 11

A resident reported receiving a call in which $30 was solicited on behalf of the "Disabled Children of Wilmington." The resident claimed to have contacted the Attorney General and was allegedly told that no such organization is registered in the state of Massachusetts.

An assault and battery with a dangerous weapon was reported as having occurred at the Wilmington Middle School on Carter Lane.

A vehicle that was parked at a business on Fordham Road was reportedly damaged maliciously.

Francis Crane, 49, of Saugus, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license, operating a vehicle after the revocation of his registration, and failing to display two license plates.

George Peter, 47, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Thursday, December 12

Motor vehicle accidents were reported on Aldrich Road, Middlesex Avenue and Lowell Street.

A larceny by check was reported on Shawsheen Avenue.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Hopkins Street.

Friday, December 13

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Middlesex Avenue, Eames Street, Lowell Street, Main Street and at the junction of Routes 62 and 93.

A motorist reportedly maliciously drove over the lawn of a residence at Dana Court and destroyed four decorative reindeer and a swing.

Two eternal flames were reportedly stolen from graves in Wildwood Cemetery.

Joseph Powers, 49, of North Lebanon, Maine, was arrested and charged with the violation of a restraining order.

Saturday, December 14

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Woburn Street, Shawsheen Avenue and Lowell Street.

The theft of more than $200 worth of merchandise was reported by Radio Shack on Main Street.

A decorative reindeer and the hood ornament of a vehicle were reportedly maliciously damaged at a residence on Buckingham Road.

A large Christmas decoration was reported as stolen from a residence on Sarafinas Way.

A car was keyed and its tires were slashed while the vehicle was parked at a business on Main Street.

Police responded to the report of a fight that occurred between parents of children who were playing hockey at Ristuccia Ice Rink.

Kevin Smith, 37, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and operating a vehicle to endanger.

Michael O'Brien, 24, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license and attaching false plates to a vehicle.

Sunday, December 15

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Parker Street.

A television was reportedly smashed on the sidewalk of Belmont Avenue.

Police responded to a report of loud music disturbing the peace on Crystal Road.

An armed robbery reportedly occurred at Dunkin Donuts on Main Street.

Chally Ramos, 37, of Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, operating a vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license, and operating a vehicle after revocation of its registration.

Thanh Le, 34, of South Boston, was arrested on a warrant.

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, December 9

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Park Road.

A vehicle was reported stolen from the parking lot of the Motel 6 on Main Street.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Main Street.

Daniel Hanson, 22, of Tewksbury, was arrested on a warrant.

Tuesday, December 10

Two motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street.

Police responded to a report of disturbance on Old Boston Road.

An assault and battery was reported to have occurred on James Street.

The management at Marshall's Department Store reported an instance of shoplifting.

Wednesday, December 11

In separate instances, police responded to reports of disturbances at businesses on Erlin Terrace, Main Street and Old Main Street.

Alan Wadja, 48, of Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Darrin Turner, 30, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Thursday, December 12

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Marshal Street, Pike Street and Term Terrace.

Police responded to a report of a disturbance on Main Street.

The basement window of a house on Emily Road was reportedly broken in an act of malicious damage.

A case of assault and battery reportedly occurred at the Ataminan Volkswagen dealership on Main Street.

The management of K Mart on Main Street reported an incidence of shoplifting.

A citizen alleged acts of malicious damage, in which sugar was poured into the fuel tank of his vehicle and paint thinner was applied on his vehicle while it was parked at the VFW.

Ryan Frechette, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle recklessly to endanger and possessing of a Class D substance.

Heroildo Candelario, Jr, 28, of Lawrence, was arrested on a warrant.

Friday, December 13

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Whipple Road.

A resident called the police station to report the theft of a cell phone.

Police responded to a report of an unwanted person on Shawsheen Avenue.

Police responded to a report of a disturbance on Whited Avenue.

Robert Bouchard, 40, of Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with the unlicensed operation of a vehicle.

Phares Njuguna, 28, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle during the suspension of his driver's license and providing a false name and address to the police.

Anthony Thomas, 26, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with one count of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and one count of domestic assault and battery.

Saturday, December 14

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Foster Road.

Several motorists reported that their vehicles had gotten flat tires and other damages as a result of a pothole near the area of the Jade East on Main Street. Authorities set up a temporary detour.

A vehicle was reportedly stolen while it was parked on Pond Street.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Sullivan Park Way.

A juvenile, 17, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

Robert Roscillo, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

David Forster, 37, of Wilmington, was arrested on a warrant.

Sunday, December 15

A resident reported a case of credit card fraud to authorities.

An assault and battery reportedly occurred on Shawsheen Street.

A complaint of too much noise was reported on Foster Road.

Jason Capua, 22, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with a violation of a protection order.



SANTA BABY. Three-month-old Michael Ripley, who is seen here with his proud grandmother, Jackie, is getting ready for his first Christmas. One of the things that he has done to get in the holiday spirit is attend the festive breakfast that was held at the Heath Brook School in Tewksbury last weekend. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Celebrate New Year's at Tewksbury K of C

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Knights of Columbus (KofC) will present a New Year's Eve celebration Tuesday, December 31 at K of C Hall, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury.

Cocktail hour will be held from 7 to 8 with a steamship buffet served at 8. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be supplied by DJ Frank Marchesi. Continental breakfast will be available.

Reservations are required by December 20. Call 978-658-6342; cost $50 per person.

TEWKSBURY - The honor roll for fourth grade students at Tewksbury's North Street School has been released with the following students listed:

James Barry
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Benjamin Bourne
Peter Byron
Andrea Caprio
Elizabeth Carie
Jonathan Choroszy
Stephen Cohen
Jessica Cronin
Ethan Culwell
Brian Donahue
Kimberly Fairweather
Brian Fitzpatrick
Sean Gorman
Emily Guiliani
Matthew Haley
Lindsey Hinxman
Cameron Houdlette
Brian Johnson
Jodi Johnson
Jessica Kanalos
Jessica Kelly
Caroline Keniston
Rebecca Kenney
Katie Kerber
Richard Kirby Jr.
Alex Lombardi
Rileigh MacMurdo
Kristen Mader
Brittaney McCauley
Rebecca McLaughlin
Ashley Medeiros
Jenna Messina
Jamie Minton
Alexandra Nicoloro
Kyle O'Brien
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Emily Parker
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John Goempel
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Boosters Scholarship Dance

WILMINGTON - Wilmington Boosters Scholarship Dance will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight, January 25, 2003 at K of C Hall.

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Obituaries

Mabel L. Desrochers

active Wilmington Senior Citizen; 23 years in Wilmington; at 98

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Mabel L. (Sumner) Desrochers, 98, of Wilmington, died Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, following a brief illness.

Born in Clifton, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Lucy A. (Brown) Sumner. She was raised in Maine and lived in a few various states prior to moving to Wilmington over 23 years ago. She was an active member of the Wilmington senior citizens.

She was the widow of William E. Desrochers and the late Col. Alcide Desrochers and is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Beverly A. and Kevin T. Berrigan of Wilmington, her grandchildren Lawrence M. and his wife Karen A. Berrigan of Wilmington, Sandra A. and her husband Mark T. Fallica of Billerica; her great-grandchildren Molly and John Berrigan and Vallerie Fallica. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Mabel were held Friday, December 13, at the Nichols Funeral Home. Interment followed in the family lot at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Lewiston, Maine. Memorial donations made in her name to the charity of one's choice will be appreciated.

Paul F. Gleason

Retired cook at Wentworth Nursing Care; 79

TEWKSBURY - Paul F. Gleason, 79, a resident of Tewksbury for over 37 years, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 17, 2002 at Saints Memorial Medical Center. He was the husband of Marie J. (Petitpas) Gleason, with whom he had celebrated a 55th wedding anniversary this past Sept. 7th.

He was born in East Boston, Feb 10, 1923, a son of the late John and Mary (Rourke) Gleason. He lived in East Boston before moving to Tewksbury in 1965.

During WWII, he served in South Pacific as an Army cook. He retired from the A & P food warehouse, fish department in Boston, after 37 years of service. He went on to work in the kitchen at the Beaconcrest Nursing Home, now the Wentworth Nursing Care Center in Lowell. He retired after 20 years at the Beaconcrest.

Mr. Gleason was active in St. William's Parish and served as an usher.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Paul F. and wife Linda (Rosten) Gleason of Presque Isle, Maine, Robert J. and his wife Barbara (Clogston) Gleason of Lowell, Leonard A. and his wife Cloma (Bird) Gleason of Lowell, Thomas H. and his wife Colleen (Hegarty) Gleason of Pelham, NH, a daughter and son-in-law, Paula M. and her husband Thomas McClard of Portland, Oregon, a sister, Marie Lane of Weymouth, a brother and three sisters-in-law, Leo and Jean (Hallisey) Gleason of Foxboro, Charlotte (Avery) Gleason of Tewksbury, Claire (Petitpas) Sousa of Saugus, a brother-in-law, Richard Jones of Weymouth, 11 grandchildren, Cheryl, Laurie,



Tracey, Justin, Lisa, Donald, April, Thomas, Ryan, Thomas Jr., Jason, 9 great grandchildren, Sarah, Zachary, Joseph, Steven, Brianna, Jancienta, Jordan, Jalena, Dominic, and his best friend Oliver, and several nieces and nephews..

He was also brother of the late John Gleason, Mildred Jones, his twin, Henry Gleason, and great grandfather of the late Eric.

His funeral is Saturday, Dec. 21, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851 2950. His Funeral Mass is Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment in Tewksbury Cemetery.

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Catherine L. "Betty" Walsh

formerly of Wilmington, at 88

WILMINGTON - Catherine L. "Betty" (Guidi) Walsh, of Middleton, formerly of No. Reading and Wilmington, died December 17, 2002 in Middleton. She was 88.

Born in Boston March 1, 1914, she attended Charlestown High School and lived in Middleton for two years coming from Plymouth and North Reading.

She was the widow of Harold L. Walsh and mother of Mary Jane Walsh and Gerry A. Walsh of Middleton; Charles J. Walsh and his wife Bonnie of Salem, NH and Francis G. and his wife Mary of Wilmington; sister of Irene Adessa of Sandwich, Mary Ryan of Sagamore Beach and the late Frances McCain.

She was the grandmother of Michael Walsh and his wife Cheryl, Suzanne, Steven and his wife Joie, Kerilyn Walsh-Grasso and her husband Robert and Erin and Timothy Walsh. Great-grandmother of Veronica, Christopher, Clara and Carter Walsh and Madison and Kasey Grasso.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 19 at 9 a.m. from the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., No. Reading, followed at 10, by a funeral mass at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St. (Rt. 62) North Reading. Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Donations made in Betty's memory to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Team Victory, 220 N. Main St., Suite 104, Natick, MA 01760 will be appreciated.

Sophie L. Washburn

member of Wilmington Skirts and Flirts Square Dancing Club; worked at Ark-Les Switch Company during WW11

TEWKSBURY - Mrs. Sophie Lilias (Bishop) Washburn of Tewksbury, died December 1, 2002 at D'Youville Senior Care Center in Lowell.

She was married to Mr. Ellis K. Washburn with whom she celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary July 29, 2002.

Born in Bay Robert, Newfoundland, Canada September 27, 1921, the daughter of the late Isaac and Labella (Babcock) Bishop, she was employed with the Ark-Les Switch Company in Watertown during World War II.

She was a member of the Skirts and Flirts Square Dancing Club in Wilmington, MA.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Washburn is survived b a daughter, Carol and her husband Frederic Merriam of West Chelmsford, a brother, Isaac (Don) and his wife Marjorie Bishop of Coley's Point, Newfoundland, Canada; four sisters, Vera and Enid Bishop of Coley's Point, Newfoundland, Canada, Joyce and her husband Harold Dawe of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada, and Ella and her husband Lawrence McNabb of Fresno, CA, and two grandchildren, David E. Merriam of San Francisco, CA and Eric R. Merriam of Cambridge, MA.

She was the sister of the late



William Bishop of Toronto, Canada who died in 1996 and David Bishop of Montgomery, AL who died in 2002.

At Sophie's request, in lieu of Flowers, memorials made in her name to the D'Youville Foundation (Alzheimer's Unit Balcony) 981 Varnum Ave., Lowell, MA 01854 will be appreciated.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dolan Funeral Home, Chelmsford., MA.

Agnes J. Wentworth

Compugraphic /Agfa supervisor; 71

TEWKSBURY - Agnes Julia (Dacey) Wentworth, a member of the Tewksbury community since 1959, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002 at Lowell General Hospital, after a one month battle with cancer. She was the wife of Eugene R. Wentworth, who died in February 2002.

She was born in Boston, Feb. 19, 1931 a daughter of the late William and Agnes (Tierney) Dacey. She was raised in the Allston-Brighton and J.P. sections of the city and moved to Tewksbury 43 years ago. She has been a communicant of St. William's Church for the past four decades.

She was employed by Compugraphic / Agfa Co. in Wilmington for more than 28 years as a supervisor and inspector.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jean M. Massicotte, Patricia and her husband Thomas Timmins, and Pamela A. Wentworth-Cogliano and her husband Shane F. Cogliano, all of Tewksbury one granddaughter, Meagan K. Timmins, a godson, Wilfred Lamon of Methuen, and several nieces and nephews including Joan Edlin of Halifax, Mass. and Al Hoppy of Dorchester.

She was also mother of the late William J. Wentworth, who died in infancy, and sister of the late Joan, James, William, Alfred and John Dacey.

Her funeral was Tuesday, Dec.



17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851 2950. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours were Monday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment in Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorials to the Hospice Care, Inc. 41 Montvale Ave, Stoneham, MA 02180 or Make-A-Wish Foundation, 295 Devonshire St, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 will be appreciated.

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Colleen W. Young

WHS class of '80; formerly employed at Holy Family Hospital, Methuen and most recently at Parkland Medical Center, Derry N.H.; at 40

WILMINGTON - Colleen W. Young, 40, of Keats Drive, East Derry, N.H., died Sunday, December 15, 2002 at the Lahey Clinic, Burlington. Born in New London, Conn. December 10, 1962, a daughter of Priscilla "Pat" A. (Wilcox) Wood and the late Richard E. Wood.

She was a resident of East Derry for the past four years, formerly living in Derry, N.H. and Wilmington, MA. She graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1980. In 1983 she received her associates degree in liberal arts and sciences from Middlesex Community College. In 1992 she earned her bachelors degree from Daniel Webster College in Nashua, N.H. and in 1996 graduated from Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Medford.

Mrs. Young was employed as a registered nurse, most recently at Parkland Medical Center in Derry; formerly at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, the Hale Hospital in Haverhill and the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

She is survived by her husband, Scott A. Young of East Derry; two daughters, Stephanie C. Young, Michelle E. Young both of East Derry, her mother of East Derry, one sister and brother-in-law, Kay Connor and David Reed of Plymouth, MA, one brother, Michael Wood of East Derry, one half brother, Richard Wood of Conn., and one nephew, Shawn R. Connor.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held Thursday, December 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St, Derry. A memorial Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. at the Holy Cross Church, 187 Hampstead Rd., E. Derry, NH.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Gail Singer Memorial Bldg., 360 State Rt. 101, Suite 501, Bedford, NH 03110-5032. To view an online memorial, send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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The cat who talked with the little people

From the Town Crier archives

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON

WILMINGTON - Call them Elves, call them Fairies, call then Pixies, call them what you will. They are the Little People. Ask anyone in Wilmington if he believes in the Little People and he will, of course, say no.

But there used to be Little People in Wilmington, and maybe there still are. More than 50 years ago, up on Glen Road, was a yellow tomcat named Petey, and he walked and talked with the Little People on many occasions. Petey was huge, the oddest cat I ever saw. Only rarely did he ever look at a person. Most of the time, he looked right through his humans.

But to start the story at the beginning. My uncle, whose name was Christian Neilson, bought the old Harnden farm, up on the hill overlooking Silver Lake, back in 1905. Half a dozen years later, my father bought the land across the brook from that farm and built his home there, a fieldstone and cement block building. This was in the days before cement blocks were made commercially. Every cement block in that home was made right there on the site of the home.

Across the road was a lane leading down to the homes of Harry Miller and Wilson Thompson. Today it is called Miller Road. In that day and time, it was a dirt road, muddy in the spring, and it marked the 200-year-old boundary of the property of the Harnden mill. Harry Miller lived in the first house, a quarter of a mile in, and Wilson lived in the second. Harry was a stolid citizen who worked in a chocolate factory in Boston, where Apollo Chocolates were made. He was of the Miller family that had lived along Butters Row and Marion Street for several generations. Wilson was of the Woburn Thompsons. He worked in the patent leather plants in Woburn, and would often ride a bike to work and home again, pedaling it with a slow, measured pace. His brother Claude owned a place nearby called Thompson's Grove, which is now the site of St. Dorothy's Church.

Sydney Miller, Harry's wife, and Nellie Thompson, for some reason, said that they were sisters. They would swear it up and down. But actually, Sydney was a sister of Margaret Thompson, Wilson's second wife. But Nellie was a Miller, an aunt to Harry, and Sydney was most definitely a product of Ireland. She had a brogue that could be cut with a knife. Apparently Sydney was ashamed of being Irish. When the Millers bought a phonograph (gramaphone, it was in those days) she bought a bunch of Sir Harry Lauder records, and used to enjoy listening to them because, "he, too, was a Scotsman." It was the first time I ever heard of Sir Harry, and how he used to get up in the morning.

Sydney and Harry didn't have any children of their own, but they took in many children who were state wards. Over the years, they took in some 20 children, and when the state couldn't pay, they cared for the children without compensation.

In the first batch were five boys, Clarence Putnam, Lester Harris, Bobby Clark, Louis Brazee and Georgie Hill. All were well known in Wilmington 40 years ago, as they were growing into manhood. It wasn't until Lester Harris got married that I knew his last name was Smith. The people of Wilmington knew and loved Lester Harris Smith, and for many years, "Smitty" was the head custodian of Wilmington High School. And Clarence Putnam, just to record it, was a smart young man who went to work for the Boston & Maine Railroad, and was probably the first person in Wilmington to own a Chrysler.

The Miller boys had a hard and simple life. Sydney would send them to school every morning, and then they would run home every afternoon to do their work in the garden. Sydney kept them going. She used to tell them- that they should work as hard as that boy up the street, and my mother told me the same thing, that I should work as hard as the Miller boys. It was a boyhood gyp, and probably those Miller boys worked two or three times harder than I did.

When those Miller boys got home from school, they were treated to fresh homemade bread, hot from the oven and smothered with lard and then covered with sugar. Sometimes I was down there and shared the treat. There was a table in the kitchen, with a chair for Harry and a chair for Sydney. The Miller boys sat on the floor, with their backs to the wall, to eat their home baked bread and sugar, and so did I.

Then they would go out and hoe potatoes, or whatever needed hoeing, and Mrs. Miller would tell me a story in her thick Irish brogue. It was from her that I learned the reason that the Miller family did not farm the lot of land at the corner of Miller Road and Glen Road.

There were, Sydney Miller used to say, a lot of Little People who lived on that lot of land. She would describe them. The Queen was named Titania, and they all had little gossamer wings. Their clothing was lighter than cobwebs, and they wore gold boots. They lived under the ground, and there was a secret entrance to their home from under a rock that was near Glen Road. They loved to sniff and inspect the buttercups that grew in that field, and in the springtime, they would play hide and seek in the lady slippers that grew under the pine trees. I used to go up onto that lot of land, full of bread and sugar, and look for those Little People. I never did see any of them, at least then. There were a couple of dozen pine trees, a few rocks, and a little patch of Witch Hazel. There was a huge ant nest, a hill of red ants that would bite any unwary intruder.

That patch of Witch Hazel sort of proved that Sydney Miller was right, even though I never saw any of the Little People. Witch Hazel, she said, was one of their plants, and that was how she first learned of the Little People living there. Solemnly she would aver that she was telling the truth, that the Little People lived there, and then she would add that people who told lies should wash out their mouths with soap and water. I tried it once, and I didn't like it.

Well, anyway, a couple of years after Sydney started telling me about the Little People, Petey came to live with us. He was a yellow kitten and had been born in North Woburn, at the Billy Corneilliussen home. Ingvar Corneilliussen had been a cook on a Norwegian barque that was wrecked in the Bay of Fundy, and that was how he got to the New World. His wife was Norwegan, too. They came from Larvik, which hasn't much to do with this story, except that their dialect was almost Swedish and it was easy to understand them, whether they were talking in "Norsk" or "Englisk." And Billy was their son.

Unlike most cats, Petey did not like to sit in the sun. He would sit in the north window, by choice. No south window for him, nor any western window where most cats like to enjoy the warm rays of the setting sun. He would sit in that north window all day, and then after a while he would make up his mind to go out. Then he would walk up and down the piano keys until someone opened a door or a window for him. That was quite a trick, walking up and down the piano keys. I never heard of another cat that used that trick. Sometimes at three in the morning, there would be the most awful sounds from that piano as Petey walked up and down the keys - boom, boom, throom, throom, tinkle, tinkle, and then tinkle, tinkle, throom, throom, boom, boom. Back and forth until someone let him out.

It was Helen Parker who discovered the secret about Petey, that he could see the Little Folk. She called them Tomte, and she said that he was not an ordinary cat at all. Helen lived in Lowell and her husband was a street car motorman, known as Steamboat Willie, because of his high pitched voice. Helen used to come out from Lowell and visit Mama. She didn't have to pay any street car fare, because her husband was the motorman, and every few weeks or so she was a visitor at our home. Helen was a Swede, but unlike any other. Her hair was jet black, and so were her eyes. All the other Swedish women, of course, were blonde, with blue eyes. My father used to tell her she was a Changling, and Helen wouldn't admit, nor would she deny it. She would just say "Kara Peter" in a nice City-Swedish tone of voice that was very much unlike the harsh Country-Swedish that was to be heard among the Swedes of Middlesex County in that day. It was a pleasure to listen to Helen, when she talked Swedish.

And when my father said that Helen was a Changling, he meant of course, that Helen was really one of the Little People, as Sydney Miller would say. Of course, my father never called them Little People. He had his own Danish term for them, and he was well-qualified to know about such things, for his great-grandfather had been a Wizard - the Wizard of Vestervig. People used to come for hundreds of miles in Denmark to consult with the Wizard of Vestervig. They even came from Hamburg, Germany.

Helen Parker, my father used to say, was a female Tomte, who, when she was a little girl

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in Sweden, had been swapped in her cradle by the Tomte. Helen never denied it. She would just laugh and say, "Kara Peter," which is Swedish for "Dear Peter." One day while Helen was visiting, she came upon Petey, stretched out in the north window. Helen stopped and looked at Petey. "That cat," she said in Swedish, "is looking for Tomte." Petey turned an looked at her. Not through her, as he generally did, but at her. Then he looked at me. It was just as though he said, "You have guessed my secret!"

From that day on, I watched Petey. He would sit, or he would be stretched out, but always with his eye on that lot of land across the road. When he saw something he liked he would get up and walk up and down those piano keys until someone let him out. Then, after he had attended to his toilet and groomed himself to look his best, he would saunter across the road, and always to that same rock.

Many was the time I went over to that rock and felt it. I literally searched every square inch of that rock and all the ground around it. I never found anything except rock and ground. Petey had much better luck. I could tell by watching him. When he got over to that rock there would be a little breeze which moved the grass, and sometimes there would be just a wisp of a shadow on that rock. A human being like myself could never see the Little People, unless they wanted it, but it was possible, with close attention, to see their shadows. That was what caused the wisp of a shadow on that rock. Then Petey would wander over that field and sniff the buttercups. Always beside him was a little breeze that caused the grass to move, ever so slightly, and sometimes the buttercup stems would bend away from Petey, as someone else reached up to smell them. I told Sydney Miller about it. She went and got some bread and lard and sprinkled some sugar on it, to get me to tell more. But there was nothing more to tell.

Perhaps I should have told my father. After all, he was the great grandson of a Wizard. He would have understood. But I didn't. I never told my mother. She had no such background. And Petey finally died, as all cats do. With him died the secrets of the Little People of Wilmington, Massachusetts.

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By AIMEE MAILLETT

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The process of the laser welder deviates from the traditional method of repairing jewelry.

Typically, welding involves heating the entire piece with a small torch and patching it with solder in an attempt to repair one damaged area. Some fragile stones or metals cannot tolerate extensive amounts of heat and risk damage if exposed. For instance, to repair a 14k emerald ring, the stone would have to be removed due to its low tolerance of heat. The removal of the stone could result in cracked or broken prongs that would result in a higher repair cost. Instead, the laser welder eliminates this process by fusing the metal together and heating only the specific area that can be within one millimeter.

"What we use to repair the piece actually becomes the piece," says Bernard. "It allows for a higher degree of quality."

To demonstrate the process, Bernard takes two pieces of gold and places his hands through the armholes. He peers through the binocular eye pieces and positions his left foot on the pedal. Holding the two pieces of gold next to each other, he presses his foot down and with a quick zap and flash of light, the two small pieces are tased together by the laser.

Most jobs are possible this high-tech machine. Antique restoration, loose settings and any type of damages are able to be fixed, making the value of the piece go up.

Bernard, who has been in the business since 1979 and opened his store in 1989, restored O'Neil's rare find to look like new. Now a beautiful brooch with a restored post, O'Neil plans to give the unique piece of jewelry as a Yuletide gift to his wife.

"The machine made it possible to get the job done," says Bernard. "Everything would've melted in order to fix the post and bail without this machine."

"It really is amazing," says O'Neil of his roadside find, turned precious piece of jewelry.

Every week in our office there is a drawing for the children who come in with clean teeth and a smile on their face. The winner receives a prize.

Our lucky winner this week is:



Jimmy DiNuccio

Jimmy is the 11 year old son of Debbie & Guy. He attends the Wilmington Middle School and enjoys track, dirtbiking, and baseball..

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Thief doesn't get far with stolen loot

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the suspect hurriedly exited the building. The two followed the suspect out to the parking lot and attained a description of his car, along with its license plate number.

Officer Bruce and the team discovered that the suspect had collectively stolen as much as $100 from the locker room. Wilmington and State Police were notified immediately.

Moments later, the suspect was pulled over on Route 495 by State Police. The driver, a 19-year-old male from Lawrence, was detained and positively identified by Officer Bruce and another eyewitness.

According to Wilmington Police Chief Bernard Nally, the amount of money stolen did not constitute a felony; therefore, an arrest was not made. Instead, the suspect will be issued a summons to appear before Woburn District Court.

Any amount of money stolen under $250 is considered a misdemeanor by Massachusetts State Law.

Landfill will not face impact report

FROM PAGE 1

formed in the wetlands, the December 9th report from the state pointed out.

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs also pointed out on their Environmental Notification Form report denying the MEPA review the following:

"As described in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), the completed project involved the removal and relocation of approximately 150,000 cubic yards of landfill material located along the southern perimeter of the 39.5 acre landfill footprint to locations within the landfill.

"According to DEP's Water Quality Certification, issued to the city for the landfill closure project, 12,790 square feet of impacted vegetated wetlands were to be replaced in an on-site wetlands replication area, to be constructed in accordance with DEP's wetlands replication guide lines.

"The remaining 25,980 square feet of impacted wetlands were to be restored in place by over-excavation and the placement of organic topsoil to match the pre-construction grades. The wetlands restoration work also includes reseeding and replanting with appropriate wetland seed mix and woody and herbaceous plant species.

"The wetlands regrading work has received approvals from the Woburn Conservation Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the DEP.

"The Woburn Conservation Commission has inspected the wetlands restoration work and concluded that the project was in compliance with the order of Conditions. In addition, in February 2001, DEP conducted an inspection of the site and determined that the proponent's landfill closure work, including wetlands replication and restoration, was in substantial compliance with the ACO. During the MEPA site visit, the proponent indicated that all remaining wetlands seeding and planting activities would be completed during the spring of 2003.

"On balance, the wetlands restoration work should lead to significant environmental benefits. I strongly encourage DEP's Wetlands Programs and its Division of Solid Waste Management to work closely with the City to ensure that the project meets its wetlands restoration goals. The proponent should provide the MEPA Office with a detailed description of the proposed planting program for all proposed wetlands restoration and replication areas.

"The planting plan should include a schedule for its implementation, and should identify the parties responsible for the maintenance and management of the restoration and replication areas until such time as these areas successfully become 75 percent revegetated with indigenous species.

"Many of the comments received also cite concerns over the historic disposal of materials at the landfill site. These issues have been addressed in detail during the DEP landfill closure process, as described in the DEP Report issued March 19, 2002."

Concluded Durand in the report dated last week, "The review of the ENF has served to demonstrate quite clearly that the City's wetlands restoration and replication work has greatly enhanced the previously impacted wetland resource areas located adjacent to the landfill footprint. Based on a review of the information provided by the proponent and after consultation with the relevant public agencies, I find that the potential impacts of the project do not warrant further MEPA review."

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Local MCAS scores are improving

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"All of our schools made adequate yearly progress, so we're on the good list," Dr. Nielsen told the School Committee.

Such ratings are articulated by a proficiency index established by the DOE. The ratings were derived from levels of performance and improvement shown by fourth, seventh, eighth and tenth graders in the subjects of English language arts and mathematics. The scores of students are ranked as "Advanced," "Proficient," "Needs Improvement," or "Warning/Failing."

The results below reflect the average of the district in general.

• In the category of ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, the DOE rated the performance of local students as "high," in that their position on the system's proficiency index comes in at 87.3 percent, which constitutes a jump from 83.3 percent in the 1999-2000 time frame. In terms of improvement over the first cycle, the DOE ranked the school district as "on target."

• In the category of MATHEMATICS, the DOE rated the performances of local students as "moderate," giving them 72.3 percent on the proficiency index. While "moderate" may seem less glowing than "high," it should be noted, that such a percentage marks yet another jump for the school district. In the first cycle of 1999 and 2001, the students ranked 67.6 percent on the proficiency index. Given that, the Cycle II improvement rating for the district in mathematics is "on target."

"We're pleased with these results," Dr. Nielsen said. "However, that's not stopping our quest to help continue to strength our curriculum, so that we can get all of our students through the process."

One development within the senior class at Wilmington High School suggests the progress that has been made with the upward trend noted in the DOE's rating report. According to Dr. Nielsen, four more students have improved upon their performance on the MCAS exam and have made the transition from the "needs improvement" category to the "proficient" one. Such an improvement allows the students to join the graduation list of seniors who will receive a diploma at the end of the school year.

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Wilmington SPORTS

Town Crier's annual

Female Athlete of the Year: Ashley Morgado

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

When Ashley Morgado was five years old she was her backyard with her brother, David and his friends who were young teenagers at the time. David and his friends were shooting the basketball around until one of them did a slam dunk and shattered the net into pieces.

That Christmas, Ashley asked Santa for a new basketball net. She got one, but told her brother that she wanted to take the first shot. As like the movie "Hoosiers", Morgado at a young age of 5 years old and extremely short, took the ball between her legs and did an underhand heave which went through the net for her basket.

Now 12 years later, Morgado is no longer doing the underhand toss - instead she has scored so many baskets that she's 143 points away from the Shawsheen Tech all-time women's record set by Nicole Stanacek in 1998. Head coach Bill Ritchie has been with the Lady Rams program for almost a quarter of a century. He says there hasn't been a better player than 1,000 plus scorer Ashley Morgado, the co-captain on this year's team who is hoping for bigger and better things in her final season with the program.

"Nobody has been better than this kid in terms of total package," said Ritchie, after Thursday's practice. "Some players might have been better in one area, but in terms of everything, nobody is better than this kid. She's the real deal."

But that one basket 12 years ago for Morgado was the sign of not only is she a very good basketball player, but the sport is that's a major part of her life.

"Oh I just love the sport," she said. "The physical aspect, the mental part - everything. I play year round and there was one time when I was in middle school where I played for six teams and just bounced from practice to practice to game to game. I just love to play. I could never get sick off it. My brother Dave told me that I was born to have a basketball in one hand and a soccer ball in the other."

Growing up in Wilmington

Ashley is nine years younger than her brother Dave. He played soccer at Shawsheen Tech in the early 90s, but the two of them are extremely close.

"When I was younger I always watched him play basketball and soccer," said Ashley. "I saw that he had so many trophies and he used to tell me that I'd get my own someday. But now I have a lot more than he does."

She said that her parents, Lionildo and Phyllis, have been great supporters. Phyllis, Ashley said, has never missed a single basketball game throughout the various teams she has played on. Phyllis is usually seen at the Shawsheen games with Purple attire, the jackets, shirt, pompoms and any other Rams attire she can think of.

Morgado grew up playing youth basketball and youth soccer in Wilmington, and she decided after middle school that she wanted to attend Shawsheen Tech because she wanted to concentrate on Art and Design.

When she was a freshman, she came in with another Wilmington resident Kristen Porfido. At that time, Ritchie knew he had something special in the two of them. Neither of them have disappointed.

"The first time I saw the two of them I thought Ashley may be the best player ever to play here," said Ritchie. "The first time I saw Kristen Porfido I thought I'm looking at probably the best shooter ever to go through the program. And neither of those two things I thought then have changed. Kristen Porfido is the best shooter to go through this program, and Morgado is maybe the best player ever to go through the program. The two of them have lived up to their billing.

"Other than taking a leadership role later than I had hoped, Ashley has been everything I thought she could be because of her work. She's not afraid to work. She doesn't have to talk, she leads by example."

Her freshman year, Morgado came out very strong and was the team's power forward. Her presence gave the team an inside game, while Porfido was there to help the outside portion. That season was two years after the program went to the Fleet Center and lost in the Eastern Mass final to Ipswich. That 1999-'00 season, the Rams finished just over the .500 mark in the regular season and qualified for the state tournament. They advanced to the sectional semi-finals and lost to Manchester, who went on to win the state championship.

As a sophomore, her game improved and the team once again qualified for the state tournament before losing to Manchester again in the state tournament.

And last year was Morgado's break-out year. She scored over 400 points, averaging 19.9 per game, as well double digits in rebounding per game. Right before the state tournament begun, she surpassed the 1,000 point mark. She now has 1,282 points and needs 143 to tie Stanacek's mark. As for the team it finished with a solid 15-5 overall record and lost in the state tournament to St. Mary's of Lynn, who went on to win the state championship. In the three years of post season play, the Rams have been eliminated by the eventual state champions.

"Hopefully we can get to the Fleet Center," she said. "That's our goal. I want to work as hard as I can to get to the Fleet Center. And if we do get there both Kristen and I said we are going out to half court and kissing the floor because not only do people like Michael Jordan and Paul Pierce get to play their, but not too many high school teams get a chance to play there and that's what all of us want this year."

Morgado's game is very powerful. She can dominate games with her inside presence. She set a school record with 30 rebounds in one game. But with any player, her game can also improve. Last year Ritchie said that sometimes she got lost in the offense, and that if worked on her jump shots, mostly the 12 and 15 footers, her game would be unstoppable. Morgado agreed that sometimes she did lose her focus last year especially when the team had some big leads over its opponents. She said she has worked very hard in the off-season to improve that area, as well as her jump shots. Ritchie believes she did that, and more.

"I always wondered when she would step out from her own shadow," said Ritchie. "She's become a tremendous leader for the freshmen and sophomores. Her and Porfido both are very professional the way they have gone about this pre-season. She's become a leader and that's the one thing I think was lacking in her game. Part of the problem was she respected kids - she respected the older kids who were the leaders."

Morgado said a big reason why she has become the player she is now is because of Ritchie. Sometimes known more for yelling at his players, she said his intensity has brought her a long way.

"I know we haven't gone to the Fleet Center yet, and the game against Manchester was the closest we got to it, but when you get that far you realize that you would never have gotten that far without Coach," she said. "He makes us better and he wants you to be better so much that it just pays off."

Putting on the cleats

Besides pumping in 20 points a game for the basketball team. Morgado also plays soccer and she's quite good at it too. This past fall was just the second year that Shawsheen Rams have played a varsity schedule. As a freshman and a sophomore the program started up playing a JV schedule, but the past two years the team has won 9 games each. This past season the team finished 9-8-2 and lost in the first round of the state tournament to Marian.

"I think the two seasons we're really good," she said. "We've been a varsity program for two years and qualified for the tournament both seasons I think is just awesome. But if the girls didn't have a team, I would have played for the boys. I wouldn't have cared what people said, I was going to play the game of soccer no matter what."

Morgado was known as a defender in soccer. She's big, she's tough and she is very athletic which excelled her in that position. But halfway through this past season, sophomore goalie Heather Thomas got hurt, so head coach Jack Viveiros needed a new goalie and he threw Morgado into the net with no experience. She played a handful of games there and did quite well including a 1-0 win over the Parker School which the Rams were outshot 36-16.

"She did a great job for us," said Viveiros. "There was one save she made that I don't even know how she did it. She made a backwards dive to catch a ball that was already behind her and kept it out of the net. It was just unbelievable.

"Ashley could probably be the best out [on the field] but we need her in goal. She is just a great athlete."

What does the future hold?

Right now Morgado is working on getting the Lady Rams basketball team off to a great start. The season started Tuesday afternoon and although this year's team is very young, she has very high hopes. Obviously she's gearing up of breaking the school's all-time scoring record. She's also deciding between college, between Bridgewater State, Springfield and Rhode Island, as she said all three of the Division 3 schools want her to continue to play hoop for their programs.

But before she graduates and pursues a career in athletic training, Morgado wants to make sure that her senior season is one to remember. Sure she said there's pressure to score, to break records and so forth but there's a lot more to it.



WILMINGTON NATIVE ASHLEY MORGADO, a senior at Shawsheen Tech, is this year's Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

"When I played goalie in soccer no one put pressure on me but I did," she said. "And it's the same thing in basketball. No one puts pressure on you [to score a certain amount of points] but every game I have set goals. I want to make sure that the person I'm guarding doesn't score and if she does, that the next time down the court I'll do anything to make sure she doesn't score again. I take things really personally on the court.

"I want to win, but I also know that it's not the most important thing. If we lose but leave everything we had on the court, than I think you have to tip your cap and say that team was better than us but we gave it our all."

And with the talent of this year's team with Porfido, Jen Elwell and several promising newcomers, Morgado hopes the scene from "Hoosiers" can be replayed again, with her getting the game winning basket on a free throw (except not underhanded) to win a state championship.

"We look really good but we're young," she said. "We have just three seniors. Once we get used to each other and gel as a team I think we can do really well. We've been close to getting to the Fleet Center before and that's our goal again. But we have to work for it."

And that you can be sure Ashley Morgado will do each and every day.



ASHLEY MORGADO OF WILMINGTON has already scored over 1,000 career points as a basketball player at Shawsheen Tech. She is closing in on the school's all-time scoring record. The two-sport senior is this year's Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

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Athlete of the 90's decade:

Judy O'Connell-Kelley - field hockey + softball

Hockey team opens with a bang

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Perhaps the future is now.

Coming into the season, it was known that the Wilmington High ice hockey team was extremely young. But on Saturday afternoon in the team's season and home opener, you really couldn't tell that the majority of the team had never played a varsity game. The Wildcats scored three short handed goals and simply wore out Newburyport, winning their Cape Ann League opener, 5-2, at the Ristuccia Exposition Center.

Wilmington used three lines effectively, while, the Clippers only used two regularly and that seemed to be the difference. Although the visiting team had the advantage in physical size, the young pesky group from Wilmington made their noise with their speed, depth and overall strong team play in all three zones of play.

"We worked hard the entire time," said coach Steve Scanlon. "We got three short handed goals and usually we are strong killing penalties but not scoring. I thought we got a good effort from everyone. We wanted to win the first period. We saw a graph the other day in the NHL that 68 percent of teams who win the first period win the game. Winning that first period really set the tone. And I thought we showed a lot of character. After scoring on us, we came right back on the same shift twice to get one back. We made plenty of mistakes but I think they are correctable."

Wilmington came out flying on all cylinders in the first period. The first line - the Townie line as they are called - of freshman Tony Resendes with sophomores Ed Tucker and Zack Wilkins worked very well together throughout the game. Resendes is a very gifted hockey player. He's fast, he's crafty and he has a lethal shot. If he continues to do what he did on Saturday, he's going to be one terrific hockey player at WHS.

The second trio also played very well. Senior Jon Fish scored his first varsity goal in the first period and that meant more since he was out all of last year with a serious injury. His linemates Steven Stokes and Mark Pickett also played well, fighting for loose pucks and really hustling. The third line provided a spark as well. Defensively the team did its job. Although some mistakes were made by the defensive core, Ray Bennett looked solid playing very intelligently, while, Derek Montalto, Kevin Tobin, Greg Buck and Scott Dunnett all logged solid minutes and did their jobs of keeping Newburyport at bay for most of the game.

Senior goalie Paul Sferrazza was strong in the net, making 20 saves. He came through when it counted with several gems early on, and eight in the third period as Newburyport outshot the 'Cats 8-3.

"Paul was very good," said Scanlon. "He made some good saves early on which was huge."

Just 4:08 into the game and the season, Wilmington was killing off a penalty. Bennett had the puck along the boards just outside the 'Cats blue line. He gave a pass off the boards trying to clear the puck down into the Newburyport zone. Senior Bob McIver came off the weak side and beat two defenders to the puck just inside the Clippers' end and he snuck in and beat keeper Rob Dellarian on a backhander through the five-hole for the first goal of the game.

Less than a minute later McIver was called for a penalty. And while he was taking a breather in the box, he watched his team score another short handed tally. Two Newburyport players collided and that allowed the puck to come free inside the blue line. Fish came storming in, collected the loose puck and sent a hard wrist shot to the left side for his first varsity goal, making it 2-0 just 6:12 into the game.

About a minute later, Sferrazza made one of his better first period saves with a huge glove hand stop on a slap shot from the right circle. Wilmington was called for its second penalty seconds later and Newburyport had a 5-on-3. Resendes did a great job of killing it off and his hustle led to a holding penalty on Newburyport. Now a 4-on-4 situation, Tucker won a face-off to the right of the Newburyport net. The draw was won going to the right side of Tucker onto the stick of Resendes, whose quick wrist shot beat Dellarian to the low stick side for what became the game winning goal.

Both teams added single goals in the second and third periods. Newburyport cut the lead to 3-1 with 4:58 to go in the second, but 35 seconds later Pickett banked a rebound off the goalie's shoulder and into the back of the net on a play set up by defenseman Kevin Tobin.

In the third period, Newburyport again cut the lead scoring at the 2:40 mark making it 4-2, but Wilmington answered the call again just 25 seconds later as Tucker sent in Resendes alone on a short handed bid and the freshman center scored on a shot going to the right hand side for the fifth and final goal.

"This is the way you want to open up the season at home," said Scanlon. "I thought it was very important for us to win one of these three big games with Amesbury and Lynnfield up next. We have one, now we'll look to make it two."

The 'Cats will host both teams on Wednesday night (7:20) and Saturday afternoon (4:40). Amesbury is a very fast club with three 20 goal scorers back from last year. Lynnfield is said to be a solid club.



BACK ON THE POND! Wilmington High senior captain Jon Fish scored a goal in his first game back from a serious injury to help the Wildcat hockey team defeat Newburyport, 5-2, on Saturday afternoon at Ristuccia Exposition Center. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Fish doesn't stay out of the water for too long

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year at this time, Jon Fish's jersey was hung from the Wilmington Wildcat bench. He was in the hospital recovering from a serious stomach injury he suffered during the pre-season. At that time he didn't know if he would ever play the game of ice hockey again.

On Saturday, not only did the senior captain play a regular shift, but he played extremely well including scoring a short-handed goal in the first period to help the young Wildcats team to a 5-2 opening season victory over Newburyport.

"It was great," said Fish after the game. "I was shaking. I couldn't sleep [Friday night] and being out here made it so easy to remember why I love this game so much. And to score my first varsity goal was even better. Hopefully it's a start to a good season."

"That was great to see," said assistant coach Chip Bruce. "I thought Jon played very well, and I'm so happy for him."

Last year during pre-season, Fish took a body check during a team practice. He complained to that his stomach was hurting. Bruce got on contact with Fish's mother and urging her to take her son to the hospital. She did but the doctor thought it was just a deep bruise and nothing out of the ordinary. Bruce thought the injury could have been spleen related.

Later that night, Fish awoke from his sleep to the bathroom. He didn't get there. Instead his parents awoke to a large crash and their son fell hard to floor. His blood pressure dropped immensely, his face was changing colors and they immediately rushed him to the emergency room. Doctors then found that Fish indeed ruptured his spleen. Had his parents not responded as fast as they did, tragedy could have struck the young teenager. Instead, the doctors were able to cure him, as he was all but glued to his couch for the next few weeks barely being able to move. After losing 20 pounds of weight and looking really slim and weak, Fish's body responded back to a full slate of health.

During the summer he was able to work out and get ready for this season. During his first two years at the high school, Fish played JV. After sitting out the entire junior year, he came into this season knowing doctors gave him permission to play, as well as being named captain. Knowing this is his last year to play, he seems to have taken on the challenges.

"I lost so much weight from last year that I wanted to put some back on to make sure I didn't get hurt again," he said. "So I added the 20 pounds back that I lost and then I put about 10 or 15 pounds of muscle on after that. Now I'm feeling great, I'm back to 100 percent [of health]."

Fish really didn't know what to expect from this season. With just one game under his belt, he has a good idea, but it's just one game.

"We're young but all of the other teams think we are down," he said. "But we're young and we're good. We're just as good as last year's team but a lot of us just didn't have an opportunity yet. But I told them no matter what it takes we're going to win this first game and win the league title again. We showed today that we were the better team than Newburyport, and now on Wednesday we want to come out flying against Amesbury."

Wilmington started its season on fire scoring three first period goals by three different players before they could cruise the rest of the way to the victory. Besides being healthy and getting a regular shift, Fish said there are lots of other changes to this year's team.

"We're a team that plays in all three zones," he said. "Everyone contributed today. No one was here to win it for themselves. Everyone was talking and I think we're a tight team."

Leading 1-0 after senior Bob MacIver scored a short-handed goal, Wilmington padded its lead on Saturday midway through the first period. Again trying to kill a penalty, two Newburyport players collided going after the puck. Fish saw that and came into the Newburyport zone, picked up the loose puck and delivered his first varsity goal on a wrist shot. He pumped his fist before gathering with his teammates who greeted him with congratulatory taps on his helmet. That moment will live with Fish forever.

"I never score goals," he said. "So that was just a huge surprise, especially in the first game of the season and my first game back."

Welcome back Jon Fish. The entire Wilmington sea is glad to have you back.



FACE-OFF ACTION! Wilmington High freshman George Dighton fights off a Newburyport player during Saturday's 5-2 victory at Ristuccia Exposition Center. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

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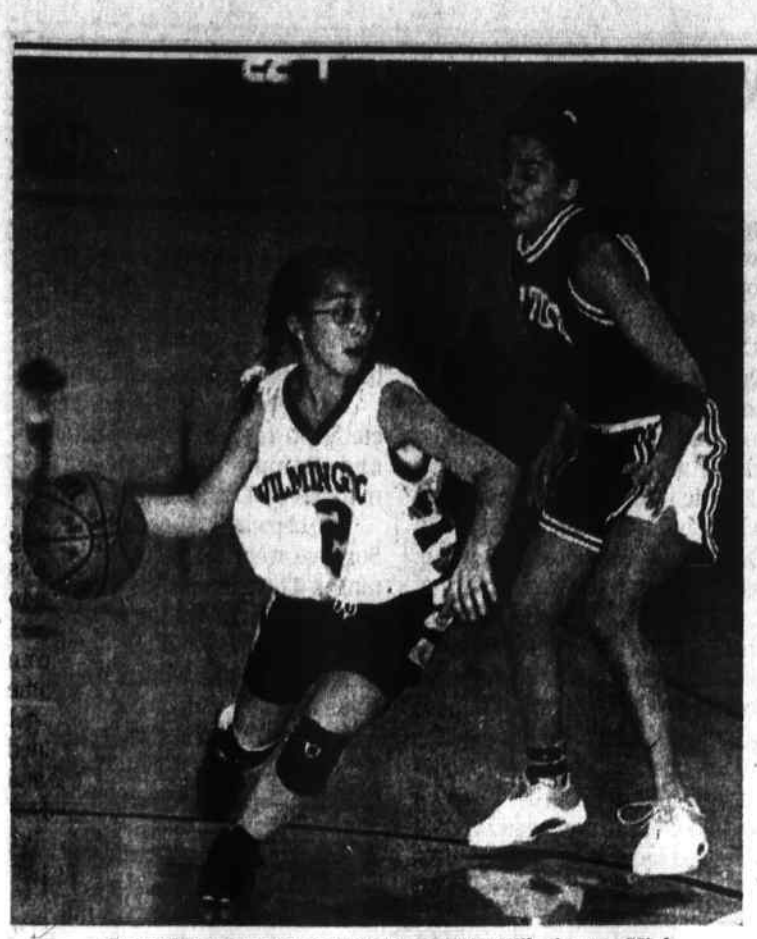
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POINT GUARD LOOKS TO PASS! Wilmington High sophomore Lani Cabral-Pini played a very good game on Friday for the girls' basketball team in their season opening win over Triton Regional held at Cushing Memorial Gymnasium. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

New coach's antics will make season enjoyable

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Al Duffett is wrapped up tighter than "Harry Potter" figurine presents will be on Christmas morning. In fact Duffett is so tightly wrapped that if he was standing next to Brjtney Spears it would appear if she was wearing baggy clothes.

Duffett's old school and as intense as they come. He's right up there with such classics as Bobby Knight, Mike Ditka and Lou Piniella or here locally with Fred Bellissimo or John Ritchie. Duffett might not been seen throwing chairs across the Larry Cushing gymnasium floor anytime soon, but you can surely bet that he'll be throwing everything but the kitchen sink into his game plans as coach of the Wildcat girls' basketball team.

His focus is unmatched. From the opening tip-off of Friday night's game, his sideline antics didn't stop. He was pacing up and down the court in front of the bench, screaming and yelling out plays as though it was the last night of high school basketball ever to be played. You could tell that he was so much into the game that for 32 minutes everything and everyone else was turned away from his eyes and his mind, except for the ten players and two referees who were on the floor.

He was very energetic and animated. When Keri Gillespie was going up and scoring on put backs, he was raising his arms as if he was Richard Nixon with his victory sign. When Danielle Spry was nailing jump shots, he clinched his fist as though he was Roger Clemens the night he struck out 20 batters against the Seattle Mariners. Duffett also showed his softer side, especially When Lani Cabral-Pini nailed a free throw and he uttered the words "I love you".

And when the final buzzer went off and his team won its and his first game of the season, 49-31, over Triton Regional, he celebrated with hugs and high fives as though he was going through the receiving line of a wedding.

His coaching style is different, than anything Wilmington has seen. He doesn't stop for one second - not one. His facial expressions match those of former coach Jim Tildsley - very humorous with 100 different looks depending on missed shots, bad shots, bad defense or bad calls.

Duffett is nothing short of wired. It looked like he inhaled ten pounds of Dunkin Donuts coffee before Friday night's game. Yet, throughout it all, it was obvious just how much knowledge he has in the game of basketball. That knowledge was shown through the players, who played for the most part pretty well. Duffett can coach ladies and gentlemen, but at the same time he mirrors legendary songwriter Billy Joel: "I am the entertainer". And that's something we can all get accustomed to.

"I am wired," he said. "But I believe in myself. If we started off tonight against North Andover and we played well but lost, I would tip my cap to them and say you're better. But I go in to every game believing that my team will win. No one can tell me that they won't until we get beat. The mental aspect of is so big when it comes to high school sports. Tonight I believed that my girls would win. And they did. They played great and this is just awesome. We're going to enjoy this victory and get ready for Manchester on Tuesday."

Two years ago, Manchester defeated Shawsheen Tech in the Division 4 North sectional semifinals. Ashley Morgado of Wilmington was on that team. The power forward, who is now a senior and is about to break the school's all-time scoring record, has had the task of having Bill Ritchie as her coach. Ritchie never stops barking at Morgado even though she pumps in 20 points and 15 rebounds a game. But Morgado knows that without Ritchie on her 100 percent of the time, she wouldn't be the player she is today.

"I know we haven't gone to the Fleet Center yet, and the game against Manchester was the closest we got to it, but when you get that far you realize that you would never have gotten that far without Coach. He makes us better and he wants you to be better so much that it just pays off."

Duffett and Ritchie are a lot alike. Duffett has been to the Fleet Center many times during his tenure at Westford Academy. Now at Wilmington he has one win, but is still miles from getting back there. He took a giant step on Friday, and so did his girls. In this game, Keri Gillespie showed she already has improved 100 percent from her play from last year. She got the ball more and she made the most of it with 19 points, 16 rebounds and 7 blocked shots. While Gillespie improved it was obvious just how much other players improved as well, from Lauren Rappoli to Elisa Maglione.

Al Duffett is as tough as they come. There's no easy way around it. At the same time though, he cracks smiles, he compliments and he certainly rewards his players. If the Wildcat players can learn that listening to him will make them better as individuals and as a team, they will pile up wins faster than children will unwrap their presents on Christmas morning.

Girls' Basketball starts season off with victory

Oh what a feeling!

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

They could have played better. They could and should have put Triton away in the early goings but didn't. But for the Wilmington High girls' basketball team, Friday night's opening 49-31 victory over Triton Regional was very refreshing. Since after all, the program hasn't won that often the last few years.

Led by an incredible performance by senior Keri Gillespie, who had 19 points, 16 rebounds, 7 blocks and 4 steals, the Wildcat girls displayed much improved play on both ends of the court for all 32 minutes which was enough for first year coach Al Duffett to celebrate with his first victory since being appointed.

Wilmington jumped out to a 12-2 lead and a 29-14 halftime lead before breaking it open to a 20-point lead with 4:12 to go and they were able to cruise the rest of the way for the win over their Cape Ann League foe. The 'Cats had four players with at least seven points, but more importantly their defense was up to par boxing out, getting loose balls and really guarding their players well.

"This is awesome," said Duffett. "It's everything and more. The girls didn't say boo all game. They worked and they worked. They did all the things we asked and demanded of them. Everyone contributed. The free throws are a concern though. I think if we hit on a few more of those, we could have put them away earlier."

Offensively, Duffett likes to work the ball inside to the big girls, Gilliespie and Danielle Spry. Early on that worked because the 'Cats did a tremendous job passing the ball around to open players, while, Triton's defense really didn't attack in the paint, allowing Gillespie all kinds of room to maneuver under the basket, as well as get several baskets on put backs. While the big girls were working well inside, the guards Lani Cabral-Pini and Lauren Rappoli handled the ball extremely well, keeping possession and making the smart passes and plays. Small forward Stacey Comer came alive in the second half with 7 points, including a gorgeous drive to the hoop, and the team got solid play off the bench from Elisa Maglione, who ended the night with 3 points and 7 rebounds.

"I'm happy for the girls," said Duffett. "All of them played well and we had great spirit from the bench. The passing was really remarkable - I couldn't believe some of it."

Wilmington stormed out to the 12-2 lead forcing Triton to take a timeout with 10:29 to go. At that time, Gillespie had all but one basket as she scored on a pair of put backs, a turnaround jumper and a pair of baskets on nice lead in passes from Comer and Cabral-Pini.

Triton cut the lead to single digits with 2:10 to go but Wilmington closed out the first half on a 7-0 run which included the end-to-end drive by Rappoli whose finger roll at the buzzer counted making it a 15-point halftime lead.

Wilmington opened the second half on a 4-0 and 12-4 run which had the lead by 19 points with 10 minutes to go. Comer opened up the scoring lane scoring several impressive baskets, as Triton tried to adjust to take the play away from Gillespie and Spry. By that time it was too late, as the 'Cats emerged with the season and home opening victory.

Wilmington has to improve on its free throws, as the team combined for just 13-of-28, including missing their first five.

On Tuesday night, the girls team made it two wins in a row out of the gate as they defeated Manchester-By-The-Sea, 50-22, in front of a decent crowd at home.

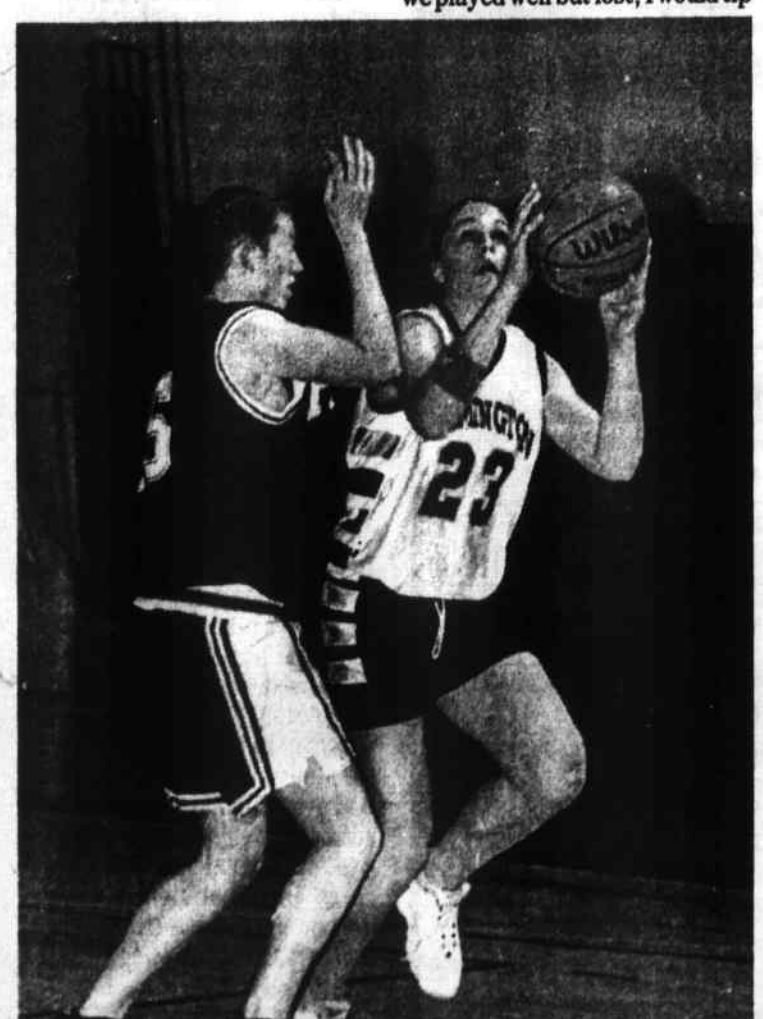
Junior Lauren Rappoli led the way with 19 points and 6 assists.

"The kids played super," said Duffett. "Manchester has one pretty good point guard and I asked the girls if they wanted to play a zone defense and they all said no. That says a lot because a zone is easier to play for some people but they didn't want anything to do with that.

"The kids some terrific defense, they held Manchester to just three baskets in the second half."

Junior Bryanna Moroney had a big night, too as she came off the bench and scored 8 points, had 5 defensive deflections, 2 steals and 2 rebounds. Lani Cabral-Pini had 7 points including a trey, followed by Danielle Spry with 6, Keri Gillespie with 4, and Stacey Comer, Lauren Cushing and Megan Godding each had two points.

Wilmington is 2-0 and have a big challenge ahead on Friday night as they travel for the first time to perennial league power, North Andover. On Monday, the girls return home for a 6:00 pm game against Lynnfield, with the boys team following right after.



A CAREER NIGHT! Wilmington High senior tri-captain Keri Gillespie scored 19 points, added 16 rebounds and had 7 blocks in the team's win on Friday night. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

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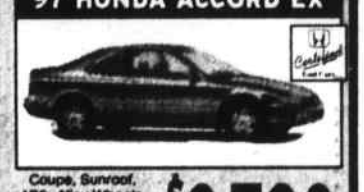
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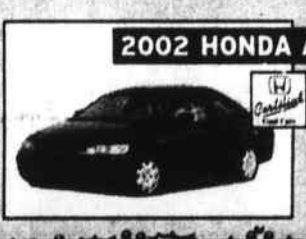
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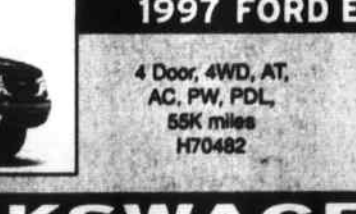
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Boys' Hoop team off to 2-0 start

A big pair of C.A.L. victories

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Combining to outscore their first two opponents by a score of 136-47, you would think the Wilmington High boys' basketball team is nationally ranked. Although they are a very talented team, they aren't quite there yet. But what they did accomplish was taking care of business with two road games to open the season. On Friday they defeated Triton Regional, 70-22, and they followed that up on Tuesday night with a 66-25 victory against Manchester-By-The-Sea.

"We're a pretty good defensive team," said coach Jim McCune. "We've been limiting teams to just one shot, we've been dominating on the boards and we're pretty tough to score on inside. Triton didn't have its best player and I don't know if they could have done something with him, and Manchester is coming off the super bowl and they just aren't in basketball shape yet. I think we caught them at the right time because I believe by the end of the year they will do something.

"But two start off the season with two road wins, with everyone playing and contributing is good. That's a plus."

Against Triton, Wilmington lost senior co-captain guard Mike Jordan with a sprained ankle just two minutes into the game. But the 'Cats were still able to dominate Triton led by 28 combined points from the Big Guys, senior co-captain Pat Taylor, who had 17, and junior Zach Mitzan, who had 11. Sean Osgood had a solid night with 9 points, while junior Mike Kelly had a real strong game distributing the ball off the fast breaks and he ended with 8 points and 6 assists. Dan Hurley came off the bench and had four points.

On Tuesday, Wilmington stormed out to a strong lead before taking out the starters with 12 minutes to go in the game. Jordan came back from his injury and had a strong night with 17 points, including three treys. Mitzan was again in double figures with 12 and he added 10 rebounds. Taylor had 9 points and 13 rebounds, while, Osgood had six points. Hurley again was very impressive off the bench with 7 points and 4 boards, while, Eric Ollila and Derek Trueira combined for 10 points off the bench.

"Right now [Jordan, Taylor and Mitzan with] Osgood and Ryan Tildsley are the five starters, and we have Trueira and Kelley who come in around the ten minute mark and we start to use the press more because of their quickness. I love what they are bringing right now. And Danny Hurley is doing a great job coming off the bench for a 6-foot-5 guy and a 6-foot-8 guy and he's really done a nice job defensively down on the perimeter with the smaller kids. And Eric Ollila is getting his feet wet and improving everyday as the back-up to Jordan and right now it's been nice getting everyone involved.

"The one area I'm concerned with right now is free throws. We were 8-for-12 the first night and 7-for-18 [on Tuesday]. We have to improve on that because once we get into a good game that could hurt us."

Wilmington will have two better tests this week with a road game on Friday against Hamilton-Wenham, before coming home on Monday night as the tail end of the double header with the girls team against Lynnfield. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 PM.

WHERE'S THE ACTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
NO GAMES SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
WILMINGTON FR GIRLS BASKETBALL AT NORTH ANDOVER 3:30 PM
WILMINGTON FR BOYS BASKETBALL AT HAMILTON-WENHAM 4:00 PM
TEWKSBURY FR GIRLS BASKETBALL AT LOWELL 4:00 PM
TEWKSBURY FR BOYS BASKETBALL AT LOWELL 4:30 PM
WILMINGTON JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL AT NORTH ANDOVER 5:00/6:30 PM
WILMINGTON JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL AT HAMILTON-WENHAM 5:30/7 PM
TEWKSBURY JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL AT LOWELL 6/7:30 PM
TEWKSBURY JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL VS LOWELL 6/7:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
TEWKSBURY B/G TRACK AT WINTER CARNIVAL - RLC 9:30 AM
WILM/TEWKS/SHAW WRESTLING AT SOI TOURNEY - WHS 10:00 AM
WILMINGTON V BOYS HOCKEY VS LYNNFIELD 4:40 PM
WILMINGTON GIRLS HOCKEY AT CAMBRIDGE 5:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
TEWKSBURY JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL AT BRIGHTON 10AM/12PM
WILMINGTON V GIRLS HOCKEY AT QUINCY/NO. QUINCY 3:00 PM
WILMINGTON V HOCKEY VS ANDOVER AT HAVERHILL 3:00 PM
WILMINGTON JV GIRLS BASKETBALL VS LYNNFIELD 3:30 PM
WILMINGTON FR B/G BASKETBALL VS LYNNFIELD 3:30/4:30 PM
TEWKSBURY JV HOCKEY VS PEABODY AT WITHROP 4:00 PM
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WILMINGTON V BOYS BASKETBALL VS LYNNFIELD 7:00 PM
TEWKSBURY V HOCKEY AT BILLERICA 7:00 PM

Wrestling team takes one of three

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

With three starters out and facing two select teams, the Wilmington High wrestling team had a tough task as they opened their season on Saturday morning. The 'Cats traveled for a tri-meet with Quabbin, Weston and league opponent Lynnfield.

Head coach Mike Pimental saw his team defeated Lynnfield, 35-12, which included six no contests, while both Weston (50-25) and Quabbin (43-30) defeated the 'Cats as they open the season up at 1-2.

"I thought we wrestled well but there were some tough match-ups because of a couple of the injuries we have," said Pimental. "If those guys are healthy, we have better match-ups and the scores would have been closer. But both Weston and Quabbin are very good and we wrestled tough with both of them so the kids started the season off OK."

Wilmington had three wrestlers sweep all three of their matches during the day. Derek Hanley made it win numbers 102, 103 and 104 as he defeated James Wen of Weston (pin at 3:21), Mark Tashian of Quabbin (pin at 2:10) and he won by forfeit against Lynnfield. Walsh wrestled at 135 for two matches and bumped up to 140 against Lynnfield which he won by forfeit. He pinned Quabbin's Nick Eloniski at the 4:50 mark, and defeated Weston's Mike Gilberto by a 15-0 technical fall score.

Weiner had a tremendous day as he won three legitimate matches. Wrestling between 130 and 135, Weiner pinned Weston's John McCarthy at the 68 second mark, and followed that up with a 8-4 decision over Quabbin's Sean Nye and then pinning Lynnfield's Zach Fang at the 3:41 mark.

"Jordan looked phenomenal," said Pimental. "He has worked very hard coming into this season and it's obvious what his off-season work has done for him. He's much better attacking while on his feet and he got two very good takedowns. He was outstanding.

"Hanley was very good especially on his offensive position and Roman also won three matches and he looked good."

At 112 pounds, sophomore Tim Sughrue went 1-1 including winning a 12-2 major decision over Weston's Kevin To. Cory Calway injured his knee and was limited to his one match which he lost. Evan Walsh put up a good effort and lost two matches, while, Chris Kitteredge, Greg Boland, Chris Olson and Mike Sorrentino also ran into some bad luck losing their matches.

At 152, Mike Aronofsky lost his first match but came back to win his second, a 14-12 decision over Quabbin's Josh Kaitala. Matt Gennetti also split his two matches at 189, including a 19-7 decision over Lynnfield's Derek Cataldo.

Wilmington now gears up for its annual Sons of Italy Tournament held on Saturday at WHS beginning at 10:00 am (finals usually begin at 7 pm, but sometimes are earlier or fall back a little bit depending on the day's matches). This is one of the better tournaments around because of the competition, the organization and of course Jack Cushing's food.

Over a dozen well respected teams from the area make the trip including Shawsheen Tech, Tewksbury, North Andover and Masconomet to name a few. Last year Wilmington finished second as a team, the best they've ever done.

WHS Girls Hockey drops Marblehead

An eye-opening debut

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After the 45th minute came to a completion in the team's opening game last Wednesday against Marblehead, Wilmington High girls' ice hockey coach Joe McMahan sat back and had a thousand thoughts racing to his mind. One kept popping up over and over again.

"This team could really be a surprise," he said. "They outskated Marblehead from one end of the ice to the other, and we were missing our entire second line and skated just three defensemen. We outplayed them in every aspect. The girls played phenomenal and I think it was a surprise to us coaches, to the parents and even to the girls themselves."

Wilmington won the game 3-2. Their second forward line was missing because a handful of the girls went to a concert, because at the time this game wasn't on their schedule and coach McMahan said it was OK for the girls to attend it.

The Wildcats trailed 1-0 after three minutes into the game, but Maria Tucker tied the game up on a power play goal and she put in a loose puck in a scramble in front which was set up by junior Tiffany Zolt. About five minutes later, Wilmington took the lead as Laurie Heenan scored an unassisted goal. Marblehead did tie it at 2-2 just 22 seconds left in the first period.

Wilmington scored the game winning goal at the 10:37 mark of the second period as Katie Martell scored her first ever goal for the program, with assists going to Tiffany Zolt and Jillian Abell, who were both named captains on the team along with sophomore defenseman Jen Corcoran.

On Saturday night, Wilmington took on a much improved Billerica team and were defeated, 5-2. The 'Cats got on the scoreboard early as Zolt scored just 62 seconds into the game on a set-up by Tucker. Billerica scored the next two goals to close out the period leading 2-1 and they quickly made it 3-1 scoring another goal just 23 seconds into the second frame.

At the five minute mark, the Indians made it 4-1 before Kaitlyn Lynch got the team back in it with a shot from the slot area which found the back of the net making to 4-2. Billerica added their fifth goal with 2:41 to go in the second period and the score stayed the same as both teams skated to a scoreless third period.

Goaltender Julie Martell played exceptional said McMahan stopping 15 shots or so.

"She kept us in the game, she was terrific," he said. "Billerica outplayed us and they were the better team. They generated more offense and they played the body better."

Wilmington has three more games this week all on the road against Andover, Cambridge and Quincy/North Quincy, on Wednesday, Saturday and Monday, respectively.

Girls' track off to quick start

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High Girls' Wintertrack team made their first strides towards a winning season last Saturday at Lynn Tech, beating Triton Regional, 54-32, in the season opener. The girls-team was impressive, sweeping both the 50 and 600 meter races, while posting 2nd and 3rd place finishes in multiple other events.

"Overall, the girls' performances surpassed my expectations," said second year coach Meghan Donahue. "Our returning veterans are stronger and more experienced, while ournew girls show tremendous potential and promise."

Senior co-captains Michelle Brush and Michaela Rufo set the tone early for the girls with strong respective performances in the 2-mile and high jump. Brush finished second in the 2-mile (13:02), while Rufo posted a first place finish in the highjump(4'8"). Junior Melissa Marques finished second in the high jump for Wilmington, just behind Rufo with her ownmark of 4'6".

In the final fielding event, sophomore Debbie Lyons placed 2nd in the shot put, after throwing a distance of 28'1".

The biggest surprise of the afternoon was the performance of the Wilmington hurdlers. Participating inthe 50m hurdles for the first time, sophomores Debbie Lyons and Caitlin McNabb capped their debuts with 2nd and 3rd place finishes in 8.7 and 9.0 seconds, respectively. Donahue was especially pleased with such a strong performance in the area she had anticipated would be a team weakness.

In the 50 and 600 meter races, Wilmington out-performed even their own expectations, as they swept both events. Rufo led all Wilmington girls in the 600 meters with a time of 1:41,while teammate Mary Sullivan crossed the line a lone second behind to grab thesecond place finish. Kim Gentile alsofinished strong in a time of 1:51, good enough for third place.

In the 50 meters, Jackie Mello earned the victory with her time of 6.4 seconds. Teammates Alicia Braid and Joanne Waterhouse nabbed the second and third place spots for the girls in times of 6.8 and 6.9 seconds, respectively. All three girls qualified for the States in the 50 meter race. In the final middle distance event, junior Katherine Chin shined as she captured first place for Wilmington with her time of 42.6 seconds.

Wilmington, however, was certainly not left in the dust when it came tothe longer distance running events. Melissa Marques and Kat Strazzere earned first and second place honorsin the 1000 meters with times of 3:14 and 3:16. In the mile, Caitlin Foley and Katie Riley posted impressive times of 6:48 and 6:49 to finish second and third.

The girls ended their day, as their 4 x 400 relay team of Marques,Brush, Rufo and Mello defeated Triton to secure the team's first victory of the season.



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Pee Wee C's edge Salem, 3-2, in youth hockey play

The Wilmington Pee Wee C's traveled to the very frigid Ice Hut in Dracut to take on the Salem Saints in Dual State play. Although a Salem forward, left alone in front, scored only fifty-one seconds into the game the Wildcats took control of the game from that point on and downed the Saints 3-2. After that first Salem goal, Wilmington turned on the jets and skated hard up and down the ice. The majority of the period was played in the Salem end with Wilmington getting several scoring chances. When the speedy Salem skaters did break out, defenseman Brendan Foley made a clean break up of a 2-on-1 rush.

Wilmington's Kevin Carter seemed to be everywhere throughout the game as he displayed tenacious fore-checking as well as hustling back on many occasions, back-checking and breaking up plays. It wasn't until the 0:56 mark of the period that Wilmington tied the game when Phil D'Arcangelo and Ryan Kennedy combined to get the puck in deep to Stephano Santini. Santini moved from behind the net and beat the goaltender for the score.

At 10:05 of the 2nd period it was Santini again who skated from behind the net and jammed in the puck to give Wilmington a 2-1 lead. The Wildcats went up 3-1 at 8:35 when defenseman Jared Hayes made a nice play to keep the puck in at the blue line and get it up to Santini. Santini fired a long shot which was stopped but Alan-Michael Santos alertly jumped on the rebound and snapped it in the net. After a breakup in the neutral zone, a Salem forward swept in and fired off a long shot which got by to make it a one goal game.

The scoreless 3rd period was an exciting one as Salem fought for the equalizer and Wilmington kept making excellent plays, both offensively and defensively. Unlike the previous few games, the still undermanned Wildcats skated hard right up to the final buzzer. Play along the boards got rough at times, as the referees made very few calls and kept the flow of the game going. Chris Thibault and Dom McCann barreled their way through Salem defenders, creating offensive chances.

In the defensive end Foley, Hayes, Paul Martel and Charles Barbaro all made outstanding individual plays stopping the few chances Salem got. After goaltender Zach Rosa made a save, Barbaro quickly cleared the rebound as a Salem forward was zeroing in on it. Rosa came up with several other saves in the period with one spectacular top of the stick deflection on a high shot. Although pulling their goalie for an extra skater, Salem was unable to come back against the determined skating of the Wildcats.

Chelmsford 6, Wilmington 3

In their Dual State match-up with Chelmsford, the Wildcats reverted to the highly unsuccessful trend of playing well in the 1st period and then being out-skated and out-hit in the 2nd and 3rd periods. In a very winnable game Wilmington blew a 2-0 lead and lost to the Chelmsford Lions 6-3.

The line that has carried the offense of late accounted for Wilmington's first goal early in the game. Phil D'Arcangelo, Kevin Carter, and Alan-Michael Santos seem to be the ones making opposing defenses work hard and they started this one off with Santos, taking a nice pass from Carter, moving in and lifting a shot high into the net at 11:33.

Wilmington went up 2-0 at 8:18 when a back-checking Ryan Kennedy got the puck out of his end and across the ice to Jon See. See moved down the left side and fed winger Dom McCann in front. McCann put the puck in the net and it looked like the Wildcats were going to control the game.

Unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way. A series of penalties called on Wilmington interrupted the flow of the game. Although the Wildcats did well killing the penalties they allowed the Lions back into the game. A stolen pass by defenseman Paul Martel and a save on a deflection by goaltender Zach Rosa stopped three straight Chelmsford power plays but with fifteen seconds left in the period Chelmsford scored on a rebound and it was 2-1.

The 2nd period is one Wilmington would love to forget. Chelmsford was not only beating Wilmington to the puck and outhitting them, they also out scored them 5-1. Two high shots, a far corner shot after breaking past the defense, a shot after Wilmington's failure to clear the puck, and a puck trickling over the goal line all added up to five goals scored for the Lions.

The defense of Martel, Jared Hayes, Charles Barbaro, and Scott Benard had their work cut out for them as Chelmsford seemed to get a jump on every loose puck. The one highlight for Wilmington was Stephano Santini's goal at 9:23 of the period. Playing in his first game back since sustaining an injury, Steve Wamboldt sent a beautiful pass right up the middle to Santini who moved in and fired it past the goaltender.

Chris Thibault tried to spark his team in the 3rd period with some crunching hits along the boards but with the team not skating, some misdirected passes, and a lack of fore-checking they were unable to come back from the hole they dug themselves into.

Valley League Results

The Wilmington Pee Wee C's, sponsored by Brother's Pizza, picked up two recent wins in Valley League play. A scheduling conflict prevented the Melrose B team from making the game and Wilmington was given the forfeit win. When the Wildcats traveled to Methuen, Phil D'Arcangelo's two goals and assist propelled Wilmington to a 5-2 victory over the Rangers.

The Pee Wee C's will spend their first day of Christmas vacation at the rink as they face the S&S Blades at the Ristuccia Center on Monday morning.

Mite A's get back to winning ways

The Wilmington Mite "A" Wildcats played one Dual State game this past weekend and got back on the winning track with a resounding 7-2 win over Billerica. Wilmington dominated the Indians from the opening face off to the final buzzer as they completely outplayed Billerica and played extremely well in all aspects of the game.

The game started with a bang for Wilmington as Center Justin Ferriera took the face off, knocked the puck forward to himself and streaked in on goal to score just eight seconds into the contest. This goal would set the tone for Wilmington as they would continually press the attack. Wilmington scored minutes later when winger Chris Newton passed the puck to JT Lynch who fired the puck into the net and give the Cats a 2-0 lead.

The defense for Wilmington was superb as defensemen Nikhil Dixit, Nick DiRienzo, Paul Barbaro and Cam Collins kept the Indian's forwards in check and Brian Pickett was outstanding in goal for the Cats. Thanks to solid defense, Brian didn't face a barrage of shots but he turned away most of the shots he saw including a stellar sick save in the first period on a nice low shot by Billerica. Billerica finally snuck one by late in the first period to cut the lead in half but with a minute-and-a-half remaining, Jake Rogers found Jackie Mulrenan in front of the net and Jackie banged it home for a 3-1 Wilmington lead.

Despite being outplayed in the second period, Billerica's defense held steady and, with a change in goal tenders, managed to keep the Cats off the board. Only one goal would be scored in the period and it would be Billerica's and cut the lead to 3-2 going into the final period. Both teams had scoring opportunities but goalie Brian Pickett was superb for Wilmington as was the Billerica goaltender.

The third period was all Wilmington as wingers Daniel Keane, Drew Foley, JB Thompson, Jackie Mulrenan, Jake Rogers and Chris Newton frustrated Billerica and prevented their forwards from moving the puck out of their zone and into the neutral zone. On defense Cam Collins and Paul Barbaro kept the puck in the attacking zone on numerous occasions and Nick DiRienzo and Dikhil Dixit broke up many plays at the Wilmington blue line to prevent scoring opportunities and allowed the forwards to attack and press the offense.

Offensively the third period was all Wilmington and began exactly as the first period had started. This time it was center JT Lynch who took the face off, collected the loose puck and stormed in on net. Just as Justin had done previously, JT split the defense and tallied just ten seconds into the period to put the Cats back up by two.

The Cats continued to press the attack when Justin Ferreira collected the puck behind the Billerica net, made a nice pass and found Chris Newton who buried the shot and further increased the Wilmington lead. The route was on when, with five minutes remaining, once again JT Lynch scored unassisted to complete the hat trick bid and put the game out of reach. The Cats would not be done however as Nick DiRienzo, who was moved to wing in the third, dug the puck out of the corner and dished it to Jackie Mulrenan who placed a nice backhander into the net to close out the scoring with just over two minutes remaining in the game.

The Cats continue to improve each week and played their best overall game of the season. Positional play, skating, passing and defense has come a long way and the team is poised to further improve in the coming weeks as the boys continue to work hard in practice and in the games.

Squirt B's play tough in back-to-back games

Chances are the Wilmington Squirt B players slept pretty well last Sunday night following their back-to-back, nail biter games earlier in the day. The B's took both games by scores of 3-2 and 7-5, but not before falling dangerously close to letting them slip into the loss column.

The B's took on Methuen at Methuen High School late morning in Dual State action, and fell behind 2-1 in the second period before surging in the third for the 3-2 win.

The Cats didn't put a shot on net for the first five and a half minutes of the game despite some pretty animated play, but Jimmy Stokes changed all that when, with some help from Johnny Malone and David Sugrue, he hit a nice shot as he was being tripped with 6:18 left in the first to give Wilmington a 1-0 lead.

The Wildcats monopolized the puck early in the second, but Methuen got on the board in the middle of the period to level things at one. The tally seemed to energize the Rangers, leading to a second goal and a 2-1 Methuen edge after two.

Wilmington started the third slowly, but eventually heeded the call of coach Bob Young to pick up the skating. Mark Flanagan got the B's back in it at 2:11 of the third with a great shot sparked by a Brian Coutu pass from behind the Rangers' net. Flanagan one-timed the puck in off the goalie's pads to even it up 2-2.

Three minutes later, Wildcat defenseman Cole Carter quickly got the puck to winger Adam Siegel, who advanced it up the right side and jabbed it into Ranger territory as he was being taken out by a defender. Center Brian Coutu got it, continued up the right, danced left around a defenseman and was forced further left before hitting a backhander from a tough angle to give Wilmington the lead.

The Cats' hot defense, Alex Williams, Jimmy Mullen, Kevin Moriarty, Malone, Tommy Quilty and Carter - silenced Methuen for the duration to take the 3-2 win.

After a short lunch break, the B's were at it again against Valley League foe Peabody in a see-saw battle at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

Peabody hit one early and was up until the four minute mark of the first period when Pat Young and David Mello paired up with some nice passing to give Nick Masiello his chance to tie the game at one. The passing became contagious, as Brian Bout and Mark Flanagan connected with Adam Siegel a minute later and Siegel punched it into the corner to bring it to 2-1 Wildcats. Benard made a big save with 29 seconds left in the period to preserve the lead.

The second period saw Peabody put up three goals to take the lead 4-2 and set up a run to the finish line. Wilmington responded with four minutes left in the period when a Tommy Quilty rush was halted, leaving a gliding puck that Brian Coutu hooked up and slid under Peabody's goalie. Wilmington struck again nine seconds later and tied it when Adam Martinello nailed a rebounder off a Jimmy Stokes shot.

Tied at four going into the third, Adam Siegel helped Wilmington grab the lead with a nice pass to Brian Coutu who hit the glove side corner for the B's third. As in the second period, the B's scored in tandem, with Jimmy Stokes acing a high hard shot just seconds later from 15 feet out. With nine minutes to go, Peabody notched a breakaway to come within one, but the Wildcat defense and Benard once more hung tough for the rest of the way. Pat Young hit an open netter for the Cats with 26 seconds to end it at 7-5 Wilmington.

Pee Wee IV's had big task in latest game

Six o'clock Sunday morning at Merrimack College, the PeeWee IV Cats took on a big Masco team. Earlier in the season these two teams met with Masco taking it all the way 7-2; it was not to happen today!

First period play saw both teams skate hard with action in both ends. Masco was good down low, but defensemen Chris Colosimo and Justin Rivera forced them wide and covered the front of the net well! Sam Grant, Dean Moran and Tom Callahan buzzed all over the offensive zone creating many scoring chances. Unfortunately late Masco broke through but the Cats were with them stride for stride!

Second period action picked up right where the first ended, play at both ends back and forth. Early on Tim Patrie with Steve Piscatelli got the puck to John Moriarty who put a nice wrister in the net! Kyle Gaffey and "KC" Curtis played strong defense thwarting Masco's scoring chances with goalie Steve Cadigan pouncing on what got through! Again late in the period Masco snuck one by, still great period by the Cats!

Final period stayed at the torrid pace until the end. Corey Lee dislodged the puck with a nice check on the Masco player. Andrew Flodin got the puck to John who again put a nice wrist shot in to tie the game, 2-2. Sean Tavares playing defense made several steals and kept the puck in at the offensive blue line keeping many offensive plays alive. Great game by all with Steve Cadigan playing outstanding in net; 2-2 tie.

Thanks Constant Temp for supporting us, keep up the good work team.

World of Wheels, January 3-5

At 32 inches tall, he represents Dr. Evil's smaller, more concentrated pure evil protege in the hit Austin Powers feature film comedies, and he's appearing in Boston on the 29th annual World of Wheels motorsports exposition at Boston's Bayside Expo Center, January 3-5.

Verne Troyer, the 30-year-old actor who plays Mini-Me will be at the World of Wheels Saturday, January 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

The 29th annual World of Wheels also will feature personal appearances by WWE star Jerry "The King" Lawlor, Steve Wilkos of TV's "Jerry Springer Show," Dennis Gage from TV's "My Classic Car," Spiderman of Marvel Comics and movie fame and other celebrities to be announced later.

As usual, though, the real World of Wheels stars will be more than 350 chromed and multi-hued custom hot rods, street rods, street machines, restorations, classics, antiques and more. Creators of these vehicles from throughout the area, after thousands of dollars and hours of effort, get to show them off at the show and compete for cash and prizes in the GM Performance Parts Show Car Series, an annual series of events for which the International Show Car Association sets the rules of competition.

These vehicles will be joined by several feature vehicle attractions, like the Hot Wheels Twin Mill presented by Eagle One, George Barris - modified and high tech enhanced 1967 Pontiac GTO driven by Vin Diesel in the summer 2002 action adventure film "XXX," "Street Rodder" magazine's celebration of Ford's 100th anniversary, "Super Chevy" magazine's tribute to the Chevrolet Corvette's 50th anniversary and "Import Tuner" magazine's X-treme street exhibit will be at the show.

Troyer, a.k.a. Mini-V, is best known for his "Mini-Me" role in the 1999 feature film comedy "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me" and its sequel in 2002, "Austin Powers in Gold-member. "Although he only recently became recognized as a "Big Man in the business," Verne has been working in show business as an actor and stuntman for several years.

He was born in Sturgis, Michigan and had always dreamed of getting into showbiz. Shortly after his high school graduation in 1987, he moved with some friends to Arlington, Texas. In 1993, stunt coordinator Freddie Fields persuaded him to join the stunt team on a John Hughes film. So, he made his first break into showbiz as a stunt double for a nine month old baby on a film called "Baby's Day Out."

Other attractions at the show will include BMX extreme team high action bikes, an automotive memorabilia show, model car contest, local radio station promotions and giveaways, racetrack exhibits and more. The list of special attractions and vehicle displays will continue to grow right up to showtime.

Show hours for the 29th annual World of Wheels are 5-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan 4 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. Admission is $13 for adults, $5 for children 6-12 and free for children five and under. Bayside Expo Center is easily reached by car off Exit 15 of the Southeast Expressway (I-93) and by public transit from the MBTA Red Line JFK/UMass stop. Free shuttles will operate continuously during show hours between Bayside and the JFK/UMass station.

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Lady Rams look to get better into thick of things

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Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team will be looking to take the next step towards becoming a great team this season. Last season the Lady Rams certainly took a step in the right direction, posting a 16-7 overall record and advancing to the state tournament as the number two seed in Division 4 North.

Unfortunately for Shawsheen, after receiving a bye in the first round due to their splendid regular season, they came up against eventual state champion St. Mary's of Lynn in their first game of the tournament. Despite giving St. Mary's a stiff challenge for much of the game, the Rams eventually fell by a score of 45-25, ending their season on a disappointing not.

Despite the loss, the Lady Rams were able to go into the off season knowing they had stood toe to toe with the eventual state champions.

"We gave St. Mary's their toughest game of the tournament," Shawsheen coach Bill Ritchie said. "Nobody gave them as hard a time as we did."

As much as the Lady Rams would like to add to their success of last season they realize it will be difficult as it will be a very young team that takes the court as the season begins. The Lady Rams opened their season on Tuesday night at home against Presentation of Mary Academy with three seniors, a junior and a freshman in their starting lineup.

Several young players will hold the key top the Lady Rams success this season.

"We have a lot of kids who are coming along and will help us during the season," Ritchie said. "We could take a hit early in the year, but our goal is to make the tournament and I think we can do that."

The two biggest reasons Ritchie feels his team can advance to the tourney are his senior co-captains Ashley Morgado and Kristen Porfido, both of Wilmington. The two will make up two thirds of Shawsheen's talented frontcourt, with Morgado, Wilmington's athlete of the year, playing center and Porfido playing one of the forward spots. Ritchie is pleased to have two such talented players and able leaders in the frontcourt and holding down the roles of captains.

"They communicate very well with the younger kids and are very good leaders. That will be very important this year," Ritchie said.

Good leadership is obviously a key to any team's success, but it is even better when those players in leadership positions are also very good players. In the case of Morgado and Porfido, the Lady Rams obviously have the best of both worlds.

"Kristen is the best pure shooter I have ever had," Ritchie said. "And Ashley is already a 1,000 point scorer, so that tells you all you need to know about her."

Junior forward Jen Elwell of Wilmington will also start for the Lady Rams and Ritchie is hoping for a big contribution from her.

"She's been a three year player for us and has been very good," Ritchie said. "She has a very good shot and as she becomes more aggressive she will be very solid under the boards."

Senior Jessica Eaton will play one guard, while freshman Erica Marshwill start at point guard. Starting a freshman at the point is sometimes asking for trouble, but in the case of Marsh, Ritchie knows he has put the Lady Rams offense in the right hands.

"Erica has lots of energy and good command of the floor," Ritchie said. "She goes to the basket well and does a lot of things that other players just can't do."

Coming off the bench to provide a spark for Shawsheen will be the sister combination of Tewksbury's Kristin and Melissa Morrell. Kristin is a junior and Melissa is a sophomore and they will provide key depth for the Lady Rams.

The Lady Rams will offer various looks on offense for their opposition to deal with. Morgado obviously gives them an inside presence that very few teams have, but don't look for Shawsheen to exclusively work the ball underneath.

"Having Ashley automatically makes us a good inside team, but we want to run the ball as well," Ritchie said. "We have three guards who can interchange and all can run so we will try to force the issue and run the ball as much as possible. We don't have to go to the half court game all the time."

As for his overall expectation for his team Ritchie is confident, but not overconfident. As he enters his 14th year at the helm of the Lady Rams, he has taken 11 of his 13 previous teams to the state tournament and feels that would be a realistic goal for this team.

"Because of Ashley and Kristen we should be a good team, but the league is very strong at the top," Ritchie said. "I think if we play well enough to qualify for the tournament it will be a very good year."

Lady Rams start season off with a victory

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA - Now, if they could all only be this easy for the Shawsheen Tech girls' basketball team. The Lady Rams opened their season on their home floor Tuesday afternoon against Presentation of Mary Academy and they could not have gotten their season off to a better start, routing the Panthers by a score of 53-25.

Shawsheen led 31-6 at halftime and coasted to the victory from there, as PMA never got any closer than 27 points in the second half. The Lady Rams were led by senior center Ashley Morgado of Wilmington, who scored a game high 23 points, along with senior forward Kris Porfido, also of Wilmington, who poured in 20 points of her own.

As great as it was to start the season off with such a dominating win, Shawsheen coach Bill Ritchie was realistic about the significance of the win.

"They lost a lot of people from last year's team and they are a very young team," Ritchie said of PMA. "It's always nice to win and it's always nice to win easily, but we understand that they are going through a rebuilding process right now. It won't be as easy against Chelsea on Thursday."

The main reason this one was so easy was not only PMA's lack of experience and depth but also a Shawsheen team that pressed and shot the Panthers into submission in the first half. The full court press employed by the Lady Rams in the game's early minutes forced numerous turnovers, and they were almost always converted into points.

Morgado had 16 points in the first half alone, and it was clear that there was no way PMA was going to stop her from getting her points.

"We came out pressing and were able to force some turnovers," Ritchie said. "They went man to man on defense and they just had no answer for Morgado."

Morgado agreed that PMA could not stop her, but she also credited Porfido for making her even more effective. One of these players would have been devastating enough for PMA to deal with, but the two of them combined were just impossible to stop.

"They didn't have someone to match up with me in man to man," Morgado said. "If a girl went out on Kristen it opened me up inside."

This is a combination that Morgado and the rest of the Lady Rams would like to see click all season long.

"Some teams want to double team me a lot, but if they do that, it opens Kristen up and she will sink the shot," she added.

Morgado knows there will be tougher games ahead as the season progresses, but she and her teammates are aiming high in their goals this season.

"It was nice to get off to a start like this," Morgado said. "Our goal as a team is to win the league and put everything we have out on the court."

After rolling through the first half, the Lady Rams struggled a little at the outset of the second half, as did PMA and the score stood at 33-6 with four minutes gone in the second half, as Porfido had provided the only basket for either team. But a nice jumper by Tewksbury's Jen Elwell seemed to get Shawsheen rolling and with 9:35 left, Porfido sank a three pointer for a 40-9 lead.

"Early on we went inside, but we were able to go outside as well," Ritchie said. "Kristen is a nice shooter and she played well for us today."

The Lady Rams extended their lead to as many as 34 points at 51-17 as Kris Cantwell, Maggie Joyce and Morgado combined for a 6-0 run with 4:00 left in the game.

The Lady Ram offense simply could not be stopped all day long. One person who may have gone al little unnoticed with all the offensive fireworks provided by Morgado and Porfido was freshman point guard Erica Marsh. Marsh played very well in her first varsity action, as evidenced by how smoothly things ran all day for Shawsheen. There is still work to be done of course, but if early reviews count for anything, Ritchie has himself a player to reckon with for the next four years.

"Erica was outstanding," Ritchie said. "She had some tough times, but she held her poise and had a great game."

For Marsh, the thought of playing her first varsity game was daunting, but once the game got going it was a different story.

"I was very nervous before the game, but it was wicked fun once it started. I got to see the whole game playing point guard and help make things happen," Marsh said. "I have always wanted to play point guard and this was a great way to start."

It was a great way for everyone wearing a Shawsheen uniform to start their season. Ritchie knows they all certainly will not be as easy as this one, but he will gladly take this one and he was pleased that his team played so well regardless of the competition,

"It's always nice to get everyone in the game like we did," Ritchie said. "Overall I was really pleased with everything we did."

The Lady Rams next game will be Thursday afternoon at Chelsea.

Hoop shoot-out, December 19

A Hoop Shoot sponsored by Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks will be held December 19 at Wilmington High School, 159 Church Street.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Categories: Boys 8-9, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 10-11 1st, 2, 3rd; 12-13, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Girls 8-9, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 10-11, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 12-13, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Baseball camp, December 30

LOWELL - Marc Deschenes Vacation Baseball Camp (formerly UMass Lowell and Cleveland Indians) Monday December 30, Tuesday December 31, Thursday January 2 and Friday, January 3 - Session one for ages eight (advanced), nine and 10 at 10 a.m.; Session two for ages nine (advanced), 10 and 11 at noon; session three for ages 10 (advanced) 11 and 12 at 2 p.m.; four classes in each session with eight hours of baseball hitting, fielding and pitching instruction. Class size is limited - at Home Run Park, 5 Franklin St., 5th floor, Lawrence MA 01840. Tel 978-685-3333. For directions and to print a registration form see: homerunpark.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 7, 2003 at 8:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #02-10 dated October 11, 2002, submitted on December 5, 2002 by Attorney Robert Peterson for Jose Sal Couto, 169 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180. Said property is located at 323 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 42 parcel 22J. This application is for demolition and construction of a new drive-through. A copy of the plan is on file at the planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington
D18,23; 3096 Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 02 02P3551EP1

In the Estate of Victor Baines late of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex. Date of Death September 28, 2002.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Leigh L. Baines of Salem in the County of Essex be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on January 10, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, December 6, 2002.

John R. Buonomo
D18;3099 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 1-2003

Better Living Sunrooms seeking a determination by The Board under Sec. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion (s) of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling is 1.5 feet from the side yard lot line and 9.5 feet from the rear yard lot line - proposing a sunroom meeting the setback requirements) for property located on 89 Morse Avenue. Map 48 Parcel 13.

Case 2-2003

Phillip & Yvonne D'Arcangelo to amend case #81-2002 with a design change meeting the zoning setback requirements along with the Conservation Commission requirements for property located on 6 Somerset Place. Map 78 Parcel 49.

Case 3-2003

Steven & Denise Carney seeking a determination by the Board under Sec. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a non-conforming structure does not increase any portion (s) of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling is within the front yard setback - proposing a rear dormer on the second floor with a 18" overhang) for property located on 4 Jere Road. Map 36 Parcel 15.

Case 4-2003

William Wolfe c/o Robert Peterson to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on 15 Lawrence Court, Lot A. Map 66 Parcel 68.

Case 5-2003

William Wolfe c/o Robert Peterson to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on 15 Lawrence Court, Lot B. Map 66 Parcel 68.

Case 6-2003

James H. Roberts to acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations (Table II) Sec. 5.2.5 for a structure to be 16 feet from the side yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on 11 Catherine Avenue. Map 97 Parcel 39.

Wilmington
D18,25;3100 Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James R. Koslowski and Angeline Koslowski to EquiCredit Corporation of Ma., dated March 21, 1997 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 8483, Page 205, of which mortgage First Bank National Association Trust, acting solely in its capacity as trustee of EQCC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-3 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on January 3, 2003, on the mortgaged premises located at 43 Brand Avenue, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land, together with the buildings thereon, in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, more particularly described as follows:

Three certain lots of land numbered 162, 163 and 164, as appears on plan known as Silver Lake Addition, dated September, 1920, and made by Robert B. Bellamy, C.E., recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 42, Plan 73, said lots in all containing 7,500 square feet, more or less.

Subject to a first mortgage to First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, dated August 4, 1989 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4971, Page 283 in the original principal amount of $105,000.00.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4971, Page 282.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUST, ACTING SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EQCC HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1997-3
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
Megan C. O'Keefe, Esquire
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500

D11,18,25;3091

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 02P5225GC1

In the Matter of Ernestine Gertig of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON

To Ernestine Gertig of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said Ernestine Gertig of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex, is physically incapacitated and praying that Evelyn Lamon of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex be appointed or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety, of the person - with the authority to consent to customary medical treatment.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on December 24, 2002.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER Boorstein, ESQUIRE, Acting, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, November 25, 2002.

John R. Buonomo
D18;3097 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 02P5638EP1

In the Estate of Anthony J. Barletta late of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex Date of Death August 21, 2002.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Anthony J. Barletta, Jr. of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on January 14, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, December 10, 2002.

John R. Buonomo
D18;3098 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PROBATE COURT
Middlesex, ss. 02E0189PP

To George Dighton of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex, Charlestown Coop. Bank of Roslindale, and Commercial Credit Corp of Stoneham and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Christopher Dighton of Norwood in the County of Norfolk representing that he holds as tenant in common one undivided half part or share of certain land lying in Wilmington in said County and briefly described as follows:

EXHIBIT A

A certain parcel of land situate in Wilmington in the County of Middlesex and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Northwesterly by Parker Street one hundred ten and 12/100 (110.12) feet;

Northerly by the junction of said Parker Street and Laurel Avenue, fifty-seven and 25/100 (57.25) feet;

Northeasterly by said Laurel Avenue, sixty-seven and 89/100 feet (67.89);

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Mary A. Surrette, one hundred forty-one and 15/100 (141.15) feet; and

Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Mabel E. Melanson, one hundred fifteen (115) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown as plan 37236 A, drawn by Ernest R. Watson, Surveyor dated September 1971, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title 19408.

setting forth that he desires that - all - the following described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than $300,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-sixty day of December 2002, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Beverly Weinger Boorstein, Esquire, Acting First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of November 2002.

John R. Buonomo
D11,18,25;3092 Register

Lynx defense the difference down the stretch

Junior Division

Lynx 26 vs. Starzz 14

The Lynx held off a fourth quarter run by the Starzz to hold onto a 26-14 victory. Hard work by Shelby Tomic, Marissa Guardino and Kayla Kane for the Starzz helped support the scoring of Rebecca Quigley and Kerry Kawalski (six points each) and Charlotte Brace (2 points) in the attempted comeback. Defensive player of the game for the Starzz was May Watson.

Scoring for the Lynx were Meghan McCarthy (14 points), Alexandra Greene (six points), Francesca Pesantes (four points), and Devan Horahan (two points).

Mercury 14 vs. Comets 6

Jamie Giasullo and Alyssa Guida were very speedy getting down court for the Mercury. Anie Whitehouse pulled down several rebounds on both ends. Elizabeth Connolly and Renee Conlin were awesome. Scoring for the Mercury were Megan Robertson (six points), Brittany Pandolph and Allison Frazier (four points each). Defensive players for the Mercury were Katie Vultaggio and Heather Paradis.

A good game against a tough opponent. The Comets couldn't compete with a much taller Mercury. Grace Carew led the scoring with four points. Brianna Miano led the defense with help from Melissa Brown and Kristen Mader. Good hustle by Haley Austin and Courtney Kellogg. Also scoring for the Comets was Michelle Gavin (two points). Brianna Miano was named defensive player of the game.

Rockers 20 vs. Monarchs 14

A high energy defensive effort led by Kaylyn Michaud and supported by Emily Fugate and Nicole Devoe led the Rockers to a win. The offense was led by Jillian Gariepy (six points), Callie Lyons and Shelby Madore (four points each) and Nicole Devoe, Kaylyn Michaud and Meghan Hamilton with two points apiece. Overall team play was the key to the win. Kaylyn Michaud was named defensive player of the game.

A tough loss to a hustling Rockers team. Excellent boxing out and rebounding by Lindsay Phenix and Erika Ogden failed to result in much needed points for the Monarchs. Points were scored by Hayley Sweet and Gabrielle Trodella (3 each), Carolyn Phanuef, Andrea Hardy and Taylor Hughes with two each. Andrea Caprio and Lindsay Phenix pitched in with one point each. Lizzie Marchand was defensive player of the game.

Sparks 25 vs. Liberty 12

Lauren DiCredico played a stellar game scoring 15 points for the Sparks and leading a strong fourth quarter surge. Taylor Marshall also pitched in with seven points and a few steals. Alyssa Martucci lead a spirited defense with strong rebounding.

The Liberty played hard and aggressive throughout the game, but lost in the end to a hot shooting Sparks team. The Liberty look forward to the rematch later on in the season. Scoring for the Liberty were Erin Murphy (six points), Karie Judge, Alexandra Remigio and Kimberly Fairweather (two points each). Leanne Tucker was named defensive player of the game.

Intermediate Division

Terriers 20 vs. Wolverines 16

The Terriers came away with a victory in this well played game. The squad of Samantha Cohen, Lauren Chamberland, Beth Farley, Alicia Conlin, and Courtney Silva really picked up the intensity level during the 3rd quarter and gave the Terriers a lead that they would not relinquish. They played superb defense and then turned some Wolverine turnovers into easy baskets at the other end. That left it up to Meghan Billings, Caitlin MacNeil, Bianca Barboza, Kelly McInnis, and Alice Zottoli to hold onto the lead. This group added a few baskets, the best ones being on great passes by Meghan Billings to Caitlin MacNeil for lay-ups.

Terrific team defense by all five players kept the Wolverines from getting any easy shots at the basket. High scorers were Caitlin MacNeil and Meghan Billings (six points each) and Samantha Cohen and Lauren Chamberland (four points each). Caitlin MacNeil was named defensive player of the game.

Despite an early lead, a quick Wolverines team fell short, 20-16, to the Terriers. The Wolverines did get their passing game going, while following up with an impressive zone defense; they did succumb to some well-executed post up play by the Terriers. The Wolverines were able to contain the Terriers frontcourt, but at times seemed to be mismatched against the Terriers frontcourt.

There was, however, a point where Wolverines put on a rebounding exhibition when Courtney Gramstroff, Caitlin DeFrancesco, and Mariah Messina banged the boards hard and came up with some crucial rebounds. A very well played game by both teams. Scoring for the Wolverines were Caitlin DeFrancesco with six points, and Mariah Messina, Kristen Tenaglia, Amanda Taylor, Savannah Patterson and Lisa Policelli each pitching in with two points.

Despite short time played because of the Designated Player rule, Stephanie Maglio came up with a key steal along with some tough "D". Katie O'Neil and Kerri Dotson did a great job of getting the ball to the open players. All played a great all-around game. Jillian McCarthy was defensive player of the game.

Cougars 20 vs. Crusaders 16

Hard fought game down to the buzzer. Strong defense by Kate Bradley, Sarah Desharnais and Meghan Ward for the Cougars. Tenacious defense in the final minutes by Katie Day and Catherine Mulholland saved the win. High scorers were Katie Day (seven points) and Shannon Keohane (five points). Christine Cognato was named defensive player of the game.

A well played game by all the Crusaders. We wish Melissa Popp a fast recovery from her broken wrist. Scoring for the Crusaders were Caitlin Goffman (14 points) and Nicky Fernandez (two points). Defensive player of the game was Marie Fierimonte.

Jayhawks 26 vs. Cardinals 20

Great shooting by both teams. Great defense by Lindsay Tucker, Jessica Stevens and Lauren Steinbrecher for the Jayhawks. Great passing by Erica Belliveau, Rebecca Dooley and Sarah Tuttle. High scorers were Erica Belliveau (14 points), Casey Malone and Sarah Murdock (four points each). Lindsay Tucker was named defensive player of the game.

Great shooting and good fundamental basketball by the Cardinals. High scorers were Samantha Fernandez (five points), Callina Patterson (four points), and Lesley Anderson (three points). Defensive player of the game for the Cardinals was Valerie Hart.

Huskies 21 vs. Tar Heels 10

Great all around effort for the Huskies - great passing and defense. High scorers were Julia Connors and Ashley Smith (six points each) and Nicole Adams (four points). Ashley Smith was also named defensive player of the game.

Good team effort by Alexandra Mahoney, Kaitlin Herceg, Justine Holt and Shay Tierney for the Tar Heels. High scorers were Marissa Fiorentino (six points), Christine Henry and Kelsey McLaughlin (two points each). Defensive player of the game was Michelle Fiorello.

Waves 32 vs. Falcons 24

High scorers for the Waves were Kelsey Richards (eight points), Danielle DePierro and Rachael London (six points each).

A hard fought game with many lead changes. The Falcons were helped by good passing from Alyssa Bradley and Erin Foster. Scoring for the Falcons were Jess Pagonis (14 points), Amanda Beatrice (six points), Jenn Foley and Erin Manning (two points each). Jessica Joyce was named defensive player of the game.

Senior Division

Spurs 27 vs. Magic 21

Great play by all Spurs. Playing with only seven players (each contributing at least one basket), girls had to put out and pulled out the victory. High scorers were Caitlin Conners (11 points), Stephanie Domoracki and Samantha Macy (four points each). Defensive player of the game was Jessica Durant.

Another tough one for the Magic. Down by 15 points in the first quarter, they came back to within three. Great defense by all - just couldn't get the ball to drop in. Scoring for the Magic were Leanne Belmonte (eight points), Jillian Elwell (four points), Michelle Kelley, Kimberly Cook, Kaitlin Rose and Heather Morrell (two points each). Kaitlin Rose was named defensive player of the game.

Wizards 24 vs. Sonics 19

Another great game by all Wizards' players. Keep it up! High scorers were Sherin Elliott (six points), Krystina Blaney, Michelle Palladino and Kaitlyn Sullivan (four points each). Molly Martel and Kaitlyn Sullivan were named defensive players of the game. Due to upcoming surgery, Kaitlyn Sullivan will not be playing for awhile. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sonics lose by five in a very close game. High scorers were Krystal MacDonald (seven points), Erica Matranga and Courtney Richards (four points each). Defensive player of the game for the Sonics was Alicia Bumann.

Blazers 48 vs. Jazz 19

The Blazers put together the best overall team effort of the season. Every player scored for the Blazers. Melissa Phelan was dominant on the boards. Lauren Tozlowski got involved in the second half with some rebounds and a score. Katelyn Smith clogged up the middle on defense. High scorers were Kristen Palmer (12 points), Jen Carr (10 points), Heather Murphy (six points) and Danielle Remigio (five points). Berit Richtsmeier was named defensive player of the game.

Scoring for the Jazz were Samantha Marchand (seven points), Lynne Andrews (six points), Jessica Waldrip (four points) and Jesslynn Harvey (two points). Defensive player of the game was Jilisa Rawding.

Raptors 31 vs. Heat 15

A great game played by all Raptors. With only seven players, each one scored for the team. High scorers were Meredith Hill (seven points), Kristen Hachey and Kathleen O'Neil (six points each) and Shelagh Sullivan and Courtney Spencer (four points apiece). Great offense by Jenna O'Shea. Defensive player of the game was Stephanie Fernandez.

Scoring for the Heat were Cassie Carlson (seven points), Spencer O'Connor (six points) and Melissa Walker (two points).

6th Grade Girls Travel Team

The Tewksbury Girls 6th Grade Travel team rolled into their season home opener with a 35-21 win over the Chelmsford Girls Travel team. It was apparent that all the extra time and hard work in practice is paying off. Regardless of who was on the floor at the time, or at which end of the court the play was at, there always seemed to be well-executed play running the offense, and tough hard-nosed get-in-your-face defense, as the girls would scrap and dive for a loose ball, or have patience to get the best shot off. This team definitely came to play! And play they did, as they shot a whopping 57% in the first half!

As Chelmsford started the game pressing Tewksbury full court, the Redgals took no time in breaking the press using quick passes, smart look ahead plays by the backcourt, and sharp cuts to get open by the frontcourt players. Heads up zone defense shut down the Chelmsford offense, while good box out rebounding at both end of the floor helped Tewksbury maintain the lead the entire game.

Scoring for Tewksbury was Jessica Pagonis, with 10 points, Caitlin DeFrancesco with seven points, along with six rebounds, Megan Billings and Samantha Fernandez each with six points and three rebounds apiece, Danielle DePierro with four points and four steals, Michelle Layne with two points along with six rebounds, Mariah Messina pitching in with four rebounds and two steals. Caitlin MacNeil was a force gathering five rebounds, while Katie Day and Casey Malone each picked up a steal and together with tenacious defense by Rachel London and Bianca Barboza closed out the win for Tewksbury.

This was definitely a team-earned win and the second of many to come. Coaches DeFrancesco, MacNeil, and Messina attribute the win to heads-up play all around. Nice job, Tewksbury.

Good Luck in your 2002-2003 season!

Pee Wee IV's enjoying winning streak

The Tewksbury Pee Wee IV Redmen have won five straight Valley League games to run their record to 6-3 and take over sole possession of 1st place in the Pee Wee Gold South division. On November 20th They trounced a pesky Wilmington team 7-3 at Ristuccia Rink in Wilmington. Shawn Leonard had the hot hand as he scored two goals and assisted on two more. Jimmy Malcolm pitched in with an outstanding game, scoring two goals as well.

The Redmen jumped out in front with Leonard scoring his first at 11:25 of the first, taking a nice pass from Kenny Pieleski and beating the goalie. CJ Canto added another less than a minute later as Defenseman Sean Kieran hit Mike Marshall with a pass at center ice and Mike touch passed it to CJ who drilled one past the goalie for a 2-0 lead, assists to Mike and Sean. Wilmington scored a minute later to bring it close again.

Mike Daley got the Redmen back on top at 8:41 of the second, taking a pass from Shawn Leonard and drilling it home for a 3-1 Redmen lead. Wilmington responded with two goals in four minutes to tie the game at 3-3. Meanwhile, goalie Steven Noble was playing great and the defense of Josh White, Brendan Kieran, Josh Kennedy and Sean Kieran were doing a good job of keeping Wilmington off balance.

At 8:39 of the third, Kenny Pieleski took a pass from Shawn Leonard, went in alone and beat the goalie for what proved to be the game winner. Thirty seconds later, Jimmy Malcolm took a pass from CJ Canto and beat the goalie for the first of his two goals on the day. Wilmington was unable to muster any offense and four minutes later, Leonard took a pass from Justin Gibson and scored his second of the day to give the Redmen a three goal lead.

Finally, with 39 seconds left in the game, Josh White fed a streaking Mike Cooney who dished it over to Malcolm who beat the goalie for his second of the day, assists going to Josh and Mike.

On November 29th, the Redmen shook off their Thanksgiving "stuffing" and knocked the stuffing out of the S&S Blades (Salem & Swampscott MA) down at the Malden rink. This was a tough physical battle and the Redmen once again jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead but had to hang on for their lives as S&S battled back hard. Kenny Pieleski got the Redmen on the board as he intercepted an S&S pass at center ice and went in alone, drilling one past the goalie for a 1-0 lead at 4:18 of the first. Sean Kieran increased the lead to 2-0 when he took a pass from Justin Gibson at the point and blazed one over the goalies's shoulder at 2:09, assist to Justin.

Tewksbury dug hard after the puck and scored what proved to be a very important goal with one second left in the first when Mike Daley's shot was blocked by the S&S goalie and Mike Cooney was there to pounce on the puck and slip it home for a 3-0 Tewksbury lead, assist going to Daley. S&S came back strong in the second period and quickly scored two to make it 3-2 Redmen after two.

S&S responded to tie the game in the third but with 2:35 left in the game, Defenseman Josh Kennedy broke up a clearing pass, decked a defenseman and fired one past the S&S goalie to bring home the Redmen victory, 4-3. Once again, the Redmen got great goal tending from Steven Noble and outstanding "D" from Brendan Kieran, Josh White, Josh Kennedy and Sean Kieran. Offensively, Shawn Leonard, CJ Canto, Mike Marshall and Jimmy Malcolm were doing a great job of fore checking and back checking, making things really difficult for S&S.

On December 1, Tewksbury beat a much improved Andover team 6-5 at Wilmington. Once again the Redmen jumped out to an early lead at 10:54 as CJ Canto took a pass from Kenny Pieleski and Jimmy Malcolm and nailed it, 1-0 Redmen. Four minutes later, Mike Marshall scored the first of his two on the day, taking a nice pass that started from Josh Kennedy, up to Mike Cooney who fed Marshall, who had snuck in behind a defenseman. Marshall nailed it and the Redmen were off and running.

Thirty seconds later, Cooney fed Marshall again and Marshall beat the goalie for his second of the day, assist to Cooney and a quick 3-0 Redmen lead. Wilmington responded by scoring to cut the lead to 3-1 at 2:56 but with 1:27 left in the first, Kenny Pieleski took a face off in the Andover end, fed it back to Sean Kieran who lined a beebee past the Andover goalie from the point to make it 4-1 Redmen.

Andover never quit and with 25 seconds left in the period, scored to make it 4-2. Tewksbury came out strong in the second and with less than a minute gone in the period, Defenseman Brendan Kieran stopped a clearing pass at the blue line, fired a pass to CJ Canto at the wing and CJ fed Kenny Pieleski with a beauty of a pass in front. Kenny wasted no time beating the Andover goalie, assists going to Brendan and CJ. That woke up the sleeping giant in Andover and they responded with three straight goals to tie the game at 5-5.

The third period belonged to the Redmen, though, as the defense of Jimmy Malcolm, Brendan Kieran, Josh White and Josh Kennedy took many of the good opportunities away from Andover near the net, beating them to the puck. Offensively, Mike Daley, Sean Kieran, Canto, Pieleski and Shawn Leonard were doing a fantastic job of forcing the action down in the Andover zone.

Finally, with 3:44 left in the third, goalie Steven Noble decided to add some offense of his own and hit a streaking Justin Gibson who passed the puck to Kenny Pieleski. Pieleski turned on the rockets and beat the Andover defense and the Andover goalie for another goal and a Redmen win, 6-5. A rare assist going to goalie Noble, and another to Gibson.

On December 7, the Redmen exploded at the Ristuccia Rink in Wilmington for a 6-1 romp over North Reading. Mike Daley was all over the Hornets as he scored four goals while Shawn Leonard had one goal and three assists and Mike Cooney pitched in with two assists. Daley got things going at 7:33 of the first taking a pass from Leonard and beating the North Reading goalie for a 1-0 Redmen lead.

North Reading responded at 1:56 of the first to tie the score at 1-1. Things stayed that way until 7:59 of the second when CJ Canto and Sean Kieran hooked up for what proved to be the game winner. CJ took a face off in the North Reading end and fed an awesome pass to Sean at the point. Sean wasted no time depositing a lazer off a defenseman's pad and in behind the Hornet goalie for a 2-1 Redmen lead, assist going to CJ.

After that it was the Daley show as Mike scored at 6:20 of the second, on a nifty feed from Leonard and Cooney and muscling it by the goalie, 3-1 Tewksbury. Daley was all over the place and Justin Gibson found him again with an open pass and Daley fired one past the North Reading goalie, who had seen enough of Mike at that point, 4-1 Redmen, assist to Justin. Shawn Leonard got in some scoring of his own when CJ Canto hit him with an awesome pass coming through center ice and Shawn slipped in behind the defense, decking the goalie out and lifting one over him for a 5-1 Redmen lead.

Daley wasn't done, though, as he scored his fourth goal of the game at 5:58 of the third period when he took a pass from Leonard and Cooney and nailed one past the Hornets goalie, 6-1 Redmen. Defensively, the Redmen once again played a brilliant game with Defensemen Josh Kennedy, Josh White, Brendan Kieran and Jimmy Malcolm doing a great job of making life difficult for North Reading. Goalie Steven Noble was brilliant in net, making many terrific saves. Mike Marshall chipped in with some aggressive fore checking, helping to keep the puck moving toward the North Reading end.

The Redmen traveled to Wilmington once again on December 15 to take on a tough Beverly team. The Panthers were no match for Tewksbury as the Redmen shut them out 3-0 on outstanding goal tending by Steven Noble and superb defensive work by Jimmy Malcolm, Brendan Kieran, Josh Kennedy and Josh White. The first two periods were scoreless despite some unbelievable offensive pressure by Tewksbury. Sean Kieran, Kenny Pieleski, Mike Daley and Shawn Leonard were peppering the Beverly goalie with shots but he was superb, stopping them all.

The Redmen's "D" was tremendous but Tewksbury looked like it was going to need some luck to beat the Panther goalie, and it came with 9:19 left in the third when a persistent Mike Daley battled the puck away from a Beverly defenseman and fired it on net. Justin Gibson crashed the net and redirected the puck past a sprawling Beverly goalie, goal to Justin, assist to Mike, and a 1-0 Tewksbury lead.

Tewksbury, who seems to own the third period lately, got some breathing room from Sean Kieran at 4:38 of the third when Kenny Pieleski took a face off, fed it over to Mike Cooney who slid it to Sean in the slot. Sean rifled one off the goalie's stick and in for a 2-0 lead, assists going to Kenny and Mike.

Two minutes later, Mike Daley hooked up with Shawn Leonard on a pass and Shawn found an open Justin Gibson on the wing. Justin rifled home his second of the day for some breathing room, 3-0 Redmen, assists going to Mike and Shawn. Mike Marshall did an excellent job of fore checking in the Beverly end throughout the game.

Special congratulations to two of Tewksbury's team members, Shawn Leonard and Sean Kieran who were both rated in the top ten in scoring within their division of the Valley League, with Shawn at 4th and Sean at 10th through the second week of divisional play.

Special thanks go to the fine coaching staff led by Bob Daley, assisted by Kevin Leonard, Paul Noble and Jack Kennedy who are doing a great job of teaching the fundamentals of the game while still making it a fun time for the kids. Nice job, coaches!

Two locals continue athletics in college

Junior Abel Ghanooni, of Tewksbury recently finished his second season with the football team at Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY.

Ghanooni, a linebacker, was an integral part of Hartwick's defense, making 22 tackles (16 solo) and two tackles for a loss (-22 yards). He also had two sacks, made one fumble recovery and had one pass deflection.

Hartwick (8-2) defeated Curry College in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) North Atlantic Football Championship game.

Ghanooni was a member of the football and basketball teams at Tewksbury Memorial High School. He received a Merrimack Valley Football Conference Honorable Mention and was named to the Carole Football Classic All-Star Game in 2000.

Kevin Leonard of Tewksbury, a member of Western New England College ice hockey team was honored Tuesday, December 20 as the college's male athlete-of-the-Week.

Leonard, a sophomore forward, scored two goals and had an assist in a 5-2 win over Assumption College that was only the Golden Bears' second win over the Ice Dogs in 18 meetings. He also scored a goal in a 5-2 loss at Stonehill College. Leonard, a computer information systems major, leads the team in scoring with 11 points (five goals, six assists).

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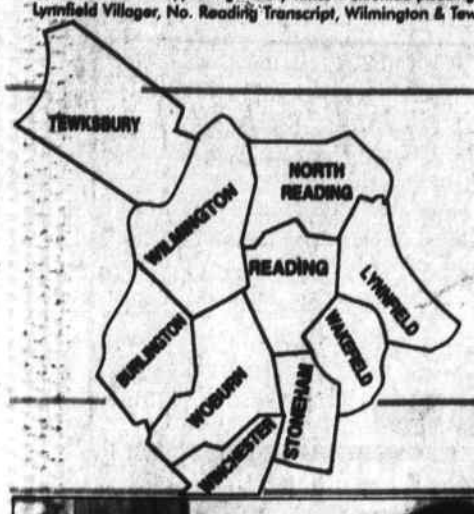
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GETTING A LITTLE INSTRUCTION from Jinie Kim-Han is Caroline Porlin, 11. (Photo, David Sokol)

PRACTICING THE VIOLIN at Winchester School of Music is Calvin Zhao, 9,(above left) coach Noralee Walker and Kevin Corapi, 9. The facility is located in the former Frankie Fontaine home. (Photo, David Sokol)

By Doug Wood-Boyle

The Winchester Community Music School (WCMS) has a rich history of musical learning and creation for and by people from the young age of 18 months to the senior age of 92 years. Some of the students may even make medical history as they participate in a unique study of the brain development funded by the National Science Foundation and conducted by researchers at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard medical School.

WCMS Executive Director Laurie Russell said, "Some of the students are participating in a study with the National Science Foundation to determine if private music lessons help students develop spatial cognition."

She noted that this is the first longitudinal study done on the theory and it will be conducted over a three-year period. The students will undergo regular testing, including MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) pictures to examine brain changes due to music training. According to Russell, similar studies have been conducted on professional musicians but this will be the first on young children.

Historic medical studies aside, the schools mission is to teach music and serve the community. The mission as written states: "Our Mission is to enrich the lives of individuals and the community by providing outstanding and varied music education programs available to all. The Winchester Community Music school nurtures learning and the joy of music in a welcoming and diverse atmosphere."

These goals are taken very seriously and as noted above the lessons are started at a young age.

The younger students may not be at the creation stage as yet, but, with the help of parents and caregivers, they are learning the basics of rhythm and beat. With these basics they are well on the way to learning how to create and even write their own music by the time they are in the elementary grades.

Russell, said, "The parents are a big part of the learning process. The children follow the parents and the teachers."

The School's Public Relations person, Barbara Strube noted, "We have a lot of dads that come."

The music and movement lessons are taught to toddlers from 18 months to three years of age. At four years old they move onto lessons taken without their parents and learn how to make positive contributions the group.

Music to S-4

Woodchips

ANTHONY MANCONI

Folks, you may borrow the answers I give people who ask me some nosey questions like, "Are you GETTING GRAY?" "No" I reply, "I've been painting the kitchen ceiling and I can't get the darn stuff of."

"ARE YOU STILL WORKING, when do you plan to RETIRE?" "Every morning when the ALARM GOES OFF."

"HOW OLD ARE YOU ANYWAY?" "I'm as old as my NOSE and a GREAT DEAL older then my teeth." And it's none of your BEES-WAX.

Kathy was asked, "is that the same FUR COAT you had last year?" "Yes, Kathy replied, "It's because I still have the SAME HUSBAND I had last year." OKay enough already...

Kathy sometimes drives me to DRINK, other times I WALK...

Folks, I was miserable being SINGLE now, I'm MISERABLE BEING MARRIED...

A GOVERNOR of the deep south told a farmer, "I see you have FIVE WONDERFUL SONS all DEMOCRATS I hope." "YES Governor" the farmer replied, ALL BUT ONE he is the only one WHO CAN READ!"...

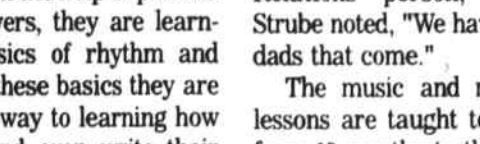
Yanno asked Kathy, "do you want ANY EGGS today? The CRACKED ONES are .40 CENTS A DOZEN." "OKay," Kathy said, "CRACK ME A DOZEN."...

I'm confused, the good book tells me that, "EACH MAN SHOULD TAKE ON TO HIMSELF A WIFE - BUT it doesn't tell me WHOSE WIFE I should take.

MY FRIEND FATHER VINCENT GIANNI is known as the SINGING PRIEST. One morning he asked, "All those who want to go to HEAVEN STAND UP!" Everyone sprang up except one LITTLE OLD

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Woodchips

From S-1

MAN in the first pew. FATHER GIANNI walked over to him, gently placed his hand on his shoulder and asked, "don't you want to go to HEAVEN when you die?" "OH! WHEN I DIE - I thought you were making up a BUS LOAD NOW!"...

My Uncle John Shea gave me an ITALIAN COFFEE MUG with the HANDLE ON THE INSIDE OF THE CUP. He told me many times, "Chipper, THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE - IRISH and those who WISH THEY WERE."...

THE CITY ASSESSOR asked me, "I read WOODCHIPS every week, tell me, how many IDIOTS live in this HOUSE?" I shouted "How dare you INSULT ME!" "OKay how many IDIOTS LIVE HERE EXCLUDING YOU?...

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MY GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER TORREDO, was born with his right leg two inches shorter than his left leg. Nevertheless he became the PRIME CONTRACTOR in building the, "LEANING TOWER OF PISA."

When it was finished, all the town dignitaries were present for the DEDICATION CEREMONY. The Mayor of Pisa turned to Torredo and asked, "NONCHA THINKA ITA LOOKA A LITTLE CROOKED?" Grandpa leaning five degrees to the starboard declared, "IT LOOKSA OKAY TO ME!"...

After four long years, MICHAELANGELO finished painting the SISTINE CHAPEL CEILING. The staging was taken down and all the drop cloths were removed. The pope, cardinals and Bishops gathered around to view this spectacular masterpiece. The pope then told Michaelangelo, "YOU ARE INDEED A GENIUS." Then he whispered in Michaelangelo's ear. "NONCHA THINKA IT NEEDS ANOTHER COAT?"...

At an Ecumenical party, a table of clergymen were kidding each other. Father DAN ASKED RABBI HARRY, "do you suppose you will ever enjoy eating a HAM SANDWICH?" RABBI HARRY smiled and replied, "if I do, Father Dan, it will be at your WEDDING RECEPTION."...

HARRY WONG went to get his first look at his new born son. He was aghast at what the nurse showed him. He stormed into the room and shouted to his wife, "Two "WONGS" don't make a WHITE!" She smiled and said, "HENRY IT WAS PURELY, "OCCIDENTAL!"...

When my Uncle John Shea was a young man, he told a beautiful girl he was dancing with, "if you don't give me A KISS, I'LL DIE." Well folks, she didn't kiss him and indeed Uncle John died, SEVENTY FIVE YEARS LATER...

I asked John Nowak, "do you want to contribute anything to the, "OLD LADIES HOME?" "Sure," he said, "TAKE MY MOTHER-IN-LAW." "That's not a bit funny John," I told him. "My mother-in-law likes me better than Kathy does." "I'M NOT SURPRISED," John shouted, "look who YOU TOOK OFF HER HANDS!"...

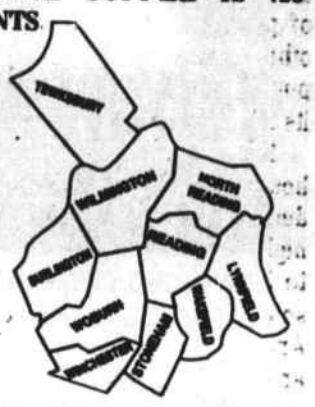
The doctor told STAN BLACK, PRESIDENT OF TREND-LINES," the best thing for you is to give up "WINE, WOMEN AND SONG." "DOCTOR, Stan asked, "I DON'T DESERVE THE "BEST" THING, WHAT'S "SECOND" BEST?"...

Remember friends a "SOFT WORD" never broke a "TOOTH" yet?" Folks, if a PANHANDLER wants a QUARTER for a CUP OF COFFEE give it to him and FOLLOW HIM. FIND OUT WHERE COFFEE IS .25 CENTS.



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The Creativity Recycle Center (CRC) is ready to help with ideas and materials to make holiday gift giving less stressful and also more affordable. Choose from fabrics, ribbon, paper, greeting cards, wallpaper, cylinders, plastics, cooler backpacks, office supplies and much more.

A grocery bag full of items is $7 ($5 for members). Gift memberships for teachers, group leaders, parents and caregivers are also available and as a bonus, the giver will receive a free Yankee Cook Book at the same time. Any one from any community is invited to visit the CRC located at 38 Rear Montvale Avenue, Suite G10, Stoneham. The CRC is handicapped and stroller friendly via the rear Courtyard Entrance and is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Groups and field trips are welcome by appointment. Questions about the CRC and other NCECP membership benefits may be directed to (781) 279-4658, email ncecp@shore.net or visit www.ncecp.com.

Art exhibit and sale winners are announced

The Reading Art Association's Autumn Exhibit and Sale drew a large number of people from Reading and other communities to enjoy and purchase original artwork by its member artists.

Leo Lambert, President, hosted the awards ceremony during the reception on Friday night, presenting cash awards to the Best of Show winners selected by judges Francesca Anderson, Deborah Edmiston, and Gordon Goetemann.

Mary Saija was awarded the Curtis Award for Excellence in Oil titled "Old Books." The Curtis Award for Excellence in Watercolor went to W. Mary Marshall's "Midnight Ride of Paul Revereware". Crist Filer won the Roberta Thresher Award for Excellence in Watercolor for for his "Koi Pond". "Captain Gregory Retrospective" by Charles McCarthy received the Kilspindie Award.

The 10 awards for Excellence were presented to the following recipients:

Robert Pyle, photographer, for "Chancel Abbaye de Thoronet, Provence". Carolyn Latanision, watercolorist, for "October, Rte 6A, Cape Cod". Nancy Fulton, Somerville artist, for "Study: Beyond the Gate". Nicole Cain, for her charcoal "Untitled 1". Dorothea Jeffrey, a pastel, "Alexander". Fran Noal, North Reading artist, "Just try it", watercolor. Paul Palumbo, "Miccoli's Window", watercolor. Lorraine O'Brien, "Peek-a-Boo, Too!", watercolor. Doreen Bolnick, "Early Spring with Painted Trillium", watercolor. Daniel Sheldon, Woburn artist, "Marine Headland", watercolor.

Paul Palumbo also won the Popular vote for "Miccoli's Window".

About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

DANIEL, DIANE, HOWARD: THEY DID 'GOOD'

Local hero in North Reading

"Local resident Daniel Wright will always be one 9-year-old Cambridge girl's hero - after all, he did save her life," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"Wright was at work as Head Custodian at the Haggerty School in Cambridge when the fourth grader, finishing up the last bites of her apple before heading into gym class, began choking on a piece that had become lodged in her throat.

"Wright acted quickly and was able to save the student before emergency workers arrived on the scene. Although his initial attempts to dislodge the apple were unsuccessful, Wright continued to perform the Heimlich Maneuver even as the child went unconscious.

"His determination proved to be life-saving as his continuous attempts finally freed the apple and the girl regained consciousness.

"In a letter from Cambridge Superintendent of Schools Bobbie D'Alessandro, Wright was commended for his bravery and his fast actions. 'All of us in the Cambridge Public Schools are particularly proud of you and your quick thinking,' she wrote. 'On behalf of many people, I thank you for intervening and saving the student from permanent disability or possible death.'

"Wright and his wife Ann Marie live at 4 Westchester Drive."

Designing woman in Wilmington

"Diane Buttaro, who lives in Wilmington, enjoyed her hobby of crafting jewelry so much that things got to the point when she was making more than she could wear," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"That's when Buttaro's hobby became a career.

"'It is very relaxing,' she says about making her own jewelry. 'It is therapeutic. I find it a great way to relieve stress.'

"Buttaro, with the help of her husband, Richie, has begun a new business that she calls Diane's Designs. With this new career, she will be setting up and holding parties at homes that are similar to those that are held in order to sell Tupperwear.

"Hostesses will be able to invite their friends to choose from the unique and beautiful places that Buttaro has created. Unlike other home parties, the guests will be able to immediately enjoy their purchases. The hostess would be able to purchase jewelry at a discounted price.

"Buttaro's inventory includes more than 100 pieces. There are a variety of different styles to select from: pendants, anklets, bracelets and earrings. Buttaro chooses to make jewelry that appeals to different tastes. There are chunky bracelets, delicate necklaces and classic pendants.

"'There is something here for everyone,' says Buttaro.

"Turquoise, Lapis Lazuli, Amber, Jasper, and Amethyst are some of the gemstones Buttaro works with. Among the most expensive are Black Onyx and Rhodocrosite, a beautiful pink stone. There is a rainbow of gemstones from which to choose.

"Buttaro makes her jewelry at a small table in her home. She uses tiny tools that best assist her in fine-tuning the most intricate details of the jewelry that she makes. She has slowly acquired such tools through her career in jewelry making. Even her husband's wire cutters have journeyed from his tool kit to her work desk...."

'Citizen of the Year' in Stoneham

"It is with great pleasure that the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce name Mr. Howard Porter, of High Street, Stoneham, as our 'Citizen of the Year,'" notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"Mr. Porter has received the recognition of his family, friends, and neighbors, as well as members of the senior community and local churches. Those who nominated him speak over and over to his acts of giving to the people of this community. One of his most recent projects is the support group at the senior center for those people affected by Parkinson's disease. Add to that his artwork, poetry, and doll houses, and his attitude and enthusiasm, and you have just the beginning of the reasons why the Chamber is privileged to honor him.

"The official recognition took place at the Crystal Ball, an annual dinner dance at the Montvale Plaza...."



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Music

From S-1

On the other end of the spectrum, the school offers opportunities to adults such as individual lessons and chamber music groups in classical and jazz musical styles. The eldest in the chamber group is a 92 year-old woman who plays the recorder with the Jenks Recorder Ensemble.

The ensemble is made up of people of all ages, although most are senior citizens. The tuition for the ensemble is free and the costs are completely subsidized by the school.

Again, in accordance with their mission statement, WCMS has started a music therapy program this year, which is partly subsidized by the school. The program is under the direction of Mitchell Kossak, the coordinator of International Music Therapy at Lesley University in Cambridge.

The course description notes that the established health profession "...uses music and music experience to address the cognitive, emotional, physical and social needs of children, youth and adults."

According to Russell, the program is starting a community outreach phase as Kossack is now going into The Gables at Winchest4er to conduct sessions there. Russell said the school hopes to build on this program.

She added, "The music therapy costs the same as a private lesson, but the difference in therapy costs are subsidized (out of the annual capital campaign fund)."

For the most part the school focuses on private lessons in a small group or one-on-one sessions.

The school's history is not as long as that of the building that now houses it, but its growth since its inception in 1981 is almost as varied and interesting. It started as a pilot program with only 30 students and three teachers.

The school now has 900 students and 60 professional faculty members. The entire faculty is degreed and come from 13 different countries.

Russell noted that the variety provides students with the ability to learn music specialties from those countries. She also said the school provides 10 free faculty music concerts throughout the year.

The Winchester Rotary Club sponsors them and the next concert is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2003.

At age five students start on the Dalcroze Eurhythmic Classes where they start to develop musicianship. They learn lessons on the value of notes and how to read them and also start on piano lessons and music appreciation courses.

According to Russell, not all of the students will come out of the school as accomplished musicians and writers but they will have a high intensity of music appreciation.

There are no special qualifications for a student to be accepted by WCMS and enrollment is open to all ages.

Russell said, of the younger students, "Perhaps music is not right for the student but they may learn social skills."

The school is now in the second phase of building a recording studio. The Nichols Performance Hall, which seats 75 people, has been acoustically improved thanks to a donation from Kay and Robert Bigelow of Winchester.

Russell said they are now looking for donors to help finish the engineering room.

"Some of the students are doing recording on their computers at home. It would be nice to provide them with a professional studio to learn their work in," Russell said.

Another generous donation from Suzanne Reno and her family has gone to establish the Tuckerman-Reno Music Library at the school. It contains the school's musical resources on computers and videos and allows the students to view and hear pieces they are studying.

The generosity of Winchester resident Bruce Stevens, president of Steinway Piano Company, and his wife Terri, has supplied the school with three Steinway Grand Pianos and a number of Boston Upright Pianos.

A prince of New England Society built the house in 1913 and later it became the home of a prince of comedy. It is now the home of music, some of which is good enough to be played for royalty.

George Everell Henry built the house at 407 Highland Avenue. In the 1950's television and movie comic Frankie Fontaine, better known as Crazy Guggenheim, on the Jackie Gleason Show, moved his family into it.

In 1997, the community was surprised to find that the property, instead of being developed, was sold to the WCMS. That institution has made some vast renovations and improvements to the property and continues to serve the community from the location.

Henry and his wife Bertha (Bagley) built the house in 1912 and moved in on completion in 1913. He was known to be a very generous person and was a major contributor to the Morgan Memorial as well as local churches.

The house changed hands and was enlarged over the years before Fontaine moved to it from across the street. Fontaine was known for his generosity as well as his comic genius. However, financial difficulties arose and a trust was formed so that the Fontaine family could remain in the house after his untimely death.

Music to S-11

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION:** Which two National Football League quarterbacks each threw six touchdown passes in the same game? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•**WILMINGTON'S PHIL O'BRIEN AND BOB HARRINGTON** earned spots on the Cape Ann League's All-Offensive and All-Defensive teams for their efforts on the Wilmington High football team this year. O'Brien was a senior offensive lineman and Harrington is a junior defensive lineman.

•**STONEHAM'S JASON RING**, who had 15 goals and 15 assists for the Spartan boys soccer team en route to a Division 3 state title, was chosen as the Division 3 Player of the Year by a Boston newspaper this year.

•**THE BURLINGTON ICE PALACE**, conveniently located at 36 Ray Avenue in Burlington, is currently offering daily Public Skating time six days a week. From Monday through Friday, public skating is held from 10:30 am to 12 pm, followed by Stick Practice from 12-1:15 pm. Weekend sessions are offered from 3:30-4:30 pm on Saturday and on Sunday, from 3:20-4:20 pm throughout the month of December. Call 781-272-9517 for more details.

•Need some help with this week's trivia question? The two teams involved were the New Orleans Saints and the St. Louis Cardinals.

•**NORTH READING'S JOHN MURPHY** was named to the Cape Ann League's All-Defensive Team for his efforts with the Hornet football team this fall.

•**A TANNER PRIDE SOFTBALL CLINIC** will be held December 26-28 at Hitter's Alley in Woburn from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The program is for girls ages 9 to 15. Fee is $60 per player. All fundamentals will be stressed including specific drills for pitching, catching, infield, and hitting. The camp staff will include current college softball players. Enrollment is limited so call Michele or Jacqui Greene at 781-939-6991.

•**THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM** is recruiting for new members for the 2003 season. The team, comprised of skaters from four New England states, has in its two competitive seasons qualified for and been finalists at the National Synchronized Skating Championships. Skaters must be age 25 or older, with good command of edges, turns, and stops and be current USFSA or ISI members at the time of tryout. For more information call 978-263-3450.

•**READING'S COURTNEY CAMPBELL** was chosen as an All-Scholastic Field Hockey player for her efforts on the Reading field hockey team, which capture a share of the Middlesex League title with a 20-2-0 record and advanced to the Division 1 North sectional final.

•The **'RED HEAT'** is looking for experienced softball players to participate in a 15 game schedule on Sunday's at Strike One in Danvers through March of 2003. Players should be between the ages of 15 and 18. For additional information call David at 781-246-0098.

•**TEWKSBURY'S DAN SARSFIELD** was recently named to the Merrimack Valley Conference's all-conference boys cross country team.

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** The quarterbacks were Billy Kilmer of the Saints, who led his team to a 51-42 win over Charlie Johnson and the Cardinals at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The 12 touchdowns in a single game set a new NFL record.

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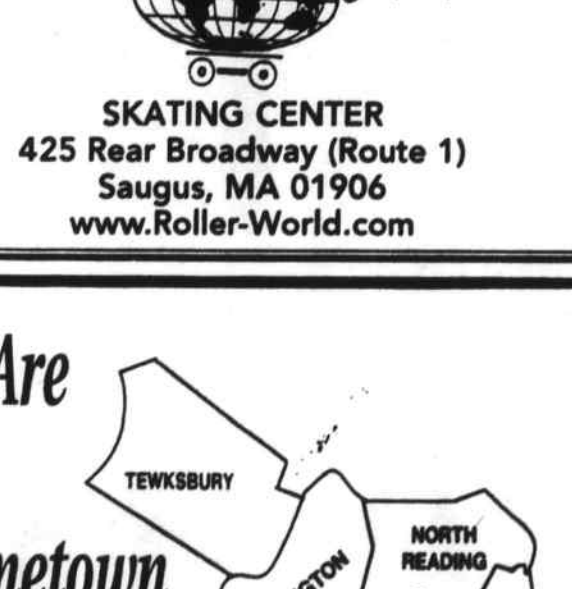
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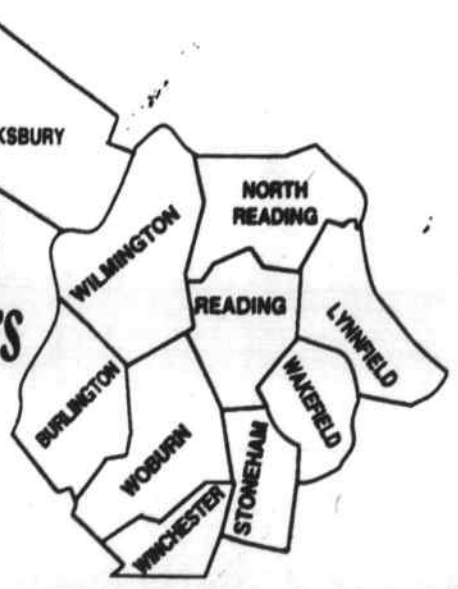
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Calendar of Events

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The group will hike through one of the MDC's most beautiful parks. There will be several Rangers and volunteers form the Friends of Breakheart leading hikers on trails of varying difficulty on the reservation.

Following the hike all are welcome to enjoy a hot cup of clam chowder, donated for the event by Kelley's World Famous Roast Beef.

For information call the Visitor's Center at 781-233-0834.

UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER SPEAKS

Underwater photographer Jonathan Bird will speak and have a slide show to benefit No. Reading's Oceanic Research Group.

The presentation will be held on Saturday, January 11th at Mass Bay Community College Auditorium in Wellesley

There is no charge for the event but donations will be accepted.

Bird's presentation will feature underwater images of humpback whales in the Dominican Republic, dolphins in the Bahamas, sharks in the Galpagos, the underwater caves of the Yucatan, the reefs of Fiji and others.

For more information on the event please go to the website http://www.oceanicresearch.org

NORTH SHORE HAS POETRY CONTEST

The North Shore Poets Forum is sponsoring the annual Naomi Cherkofsky Memorial Contest, open to all poets 18 years of age or older.

Deadline for entering is February 25th.

Subject and form are poets choice with a 40 line limit. Contestants must send two copies of each poem, one with name and address and one with no ID for the judge. Poems must not have been previously published. Entry fee is $3.00 per poem. Prizes are $50, $30 and $20 for first, second and third place.

For contest rules send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Pat Alexander, 185 Washington St, Lynn, MA 01902.

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Registration will be held on January 8 and 9 for Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston.

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The Mass. Hunter Education Program is conducting a Basic Hunter Education course at the Danvers Fish and Game Club, Log Bridge Road (off Rte. 114), Middleton on January 4, 11, and 18. Times are 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements established by Mass. General Law to make application for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card.

Students must attend every session. Adults, as well as younger men and women, are encouraged to attend. A Mass. Hunter Education Certificate is provided to course graduates 15 years or older. Students, ages 10 - 14 may participate and receive a "Letter of Completion" to meet out-of-state licensing requirements. Parental permission is required of all students under 18 years of age.

For additional information on courses, write Hunter Education, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, Ma. 01473-0408 or call 508-792-7434, 978-632-7648 or 617-727-3623. Or visit www.masswildlife.org on line.

FIRST NIGHT PUPPETRY WORKSHOP

Join the Wheelock Family Theatre in celebrating First Night. On Saturday, December 28 adorn, craft and work a Chinese Dragon puppet. then on the 31st take the puppets to the streets and parade with WFT favorites in the Grand Procession of the First NIght Celebration.

The Wheelock Family Theatre is located at 180 The Riverway, Boston. Phone 617-879-2235.

The dates are Saturday December 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday December 31 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is $75.00.

For additional information call Charles Baldwin at 617-879-2147.

CREATIVE ARTS WINTER SIGN UPS

Creative Arts for Kids is now accepting registrations for the winter/spring semester. Classes begin February 3. Join Creative Arts Open House on Saturday, January 11, 2 to 4 p.m. - demonstrations, instrument petting zoo, Suzuki information, free concert, and registration for all programs.

For more information call 781-942-9600 or visit www.creativeartsforkids.org.

SENIOR CENTER LISTS PROGRAMS

The Lynnfield Senior Center is offering many courses. They include Ballroom Dance Social: Every Tuesday starting Dec. 10 from 1-3 p.m. Enjoy the music of Joseph Macrina - come and dance or just enjoy the show. $2.00 at the door.

Ballroom Dance Lessons every Friday from 1-2 p.m. $3.00

Shine Rep Friday December 13 at 9 a.m. to assist with insurance concerns.

Christmas Lunch on Friday December 20 at 11:30 a.m.. Baked ham , pineapple stuffing and more. Cost is $5.00 in advance.

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BOSTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Boston Early Music Festival Concerts proudly announces the annual appearance by early music superstars, The Tallis Scholars - one of Boston's favorite holiday traditions. This will take place Saturday, December 14 at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception/Jesuit Urban Center, 775 Harrison Ave. in Boston's South End.

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MVUA BASEBALL UMPIRES TRAINING

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association (MVUA) announced that the clinics for men and women, who want to be trained as certified (patched) baseball umpires, will begin on January 7 and run for the next six consecutive Tuesday evenings.

The clinics will be held at NECCO (Northern Essex Community College, student center - Haverhill, Ma campus.) After six nights of education on Major League Baseball rules each candidate will have the opportunity to sit for the official MVUA test. Anyone scoring 80% or higher will become Apprentice umpires in the Merrimack Valley Umpires Assn.

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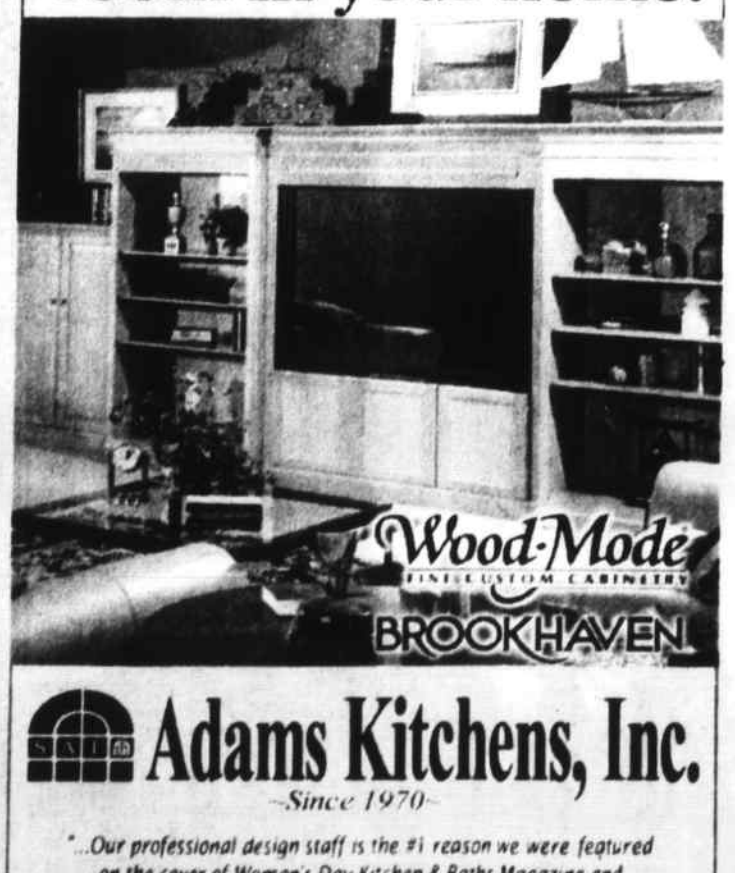
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Santa still needs your help!

The Middlesex East Santa Fund is once again asking for the support of its readers in assisting local families who are in need during the holidays through the Salvation Army.

The work of the Salvation Army is well known but what is quite often overlooked is the fact that they have a real involvement with the ten communities served by the Middlesex East member newspapers.

In the past our readers have been very generous of their donations and as a small thank you Middlesex East publishers the names of all donors throughout the holiday season.

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Nestled on 2.77 acres in what is arguably the area's finest address, 4 Bridle Way, North Reading is a property sure to impress the most discriminating buyer. This newly constructed manor crafted by Landmark Homes is truly exemplary in scope, scale and detail. Upon entrance a spectacular hardwood floor with inlaid mahogany detail makes a grand presentation and sets the stage for a magnificent hand made faux spiral staircase.

To the right the large formal dining room boasts the same detailed flooring and formal formal wainscoting. To the left, the living room boasts the same amenities. Beyond the living room the two story great room is adorned in light cherry paneling and granite.

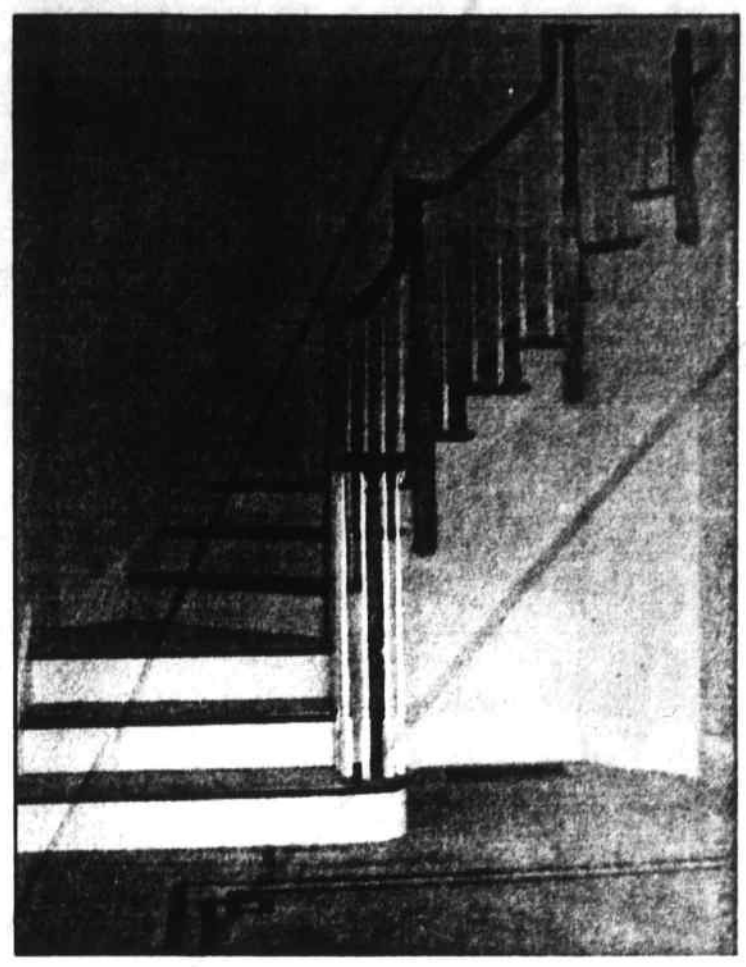
The adjoining kitchen sports the same light cherry cabinetry and gorgeous granite counters, the floor is adorned in the same granite which gives the entire room a well thought out "tailored" appearance. There are also top of the line stainless steel appliances, and a center island.

To the back of the home a wonderful light cherry library is found. Each of the rooms on the first floor offer incredible detail molding, pillars, and pallasters that give the home a formal and substantial feel. Naturally a three-car garage, central air conditioning, central vacuum are some of the many amenities in this fine home.

At the second story the master bedroom is a retreat unto itself. The sitting room boasts a beautiful marble fireplace. Adorned in crown molding and separated by pillars from the sleeping and dressing area, the sitting room is octagonal in shape and numerous windows flood this room in light.

The master bath is enormous and adorned completely in marble. It boasts his and her sinks, double walk-in closets.

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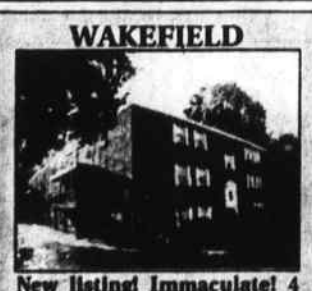
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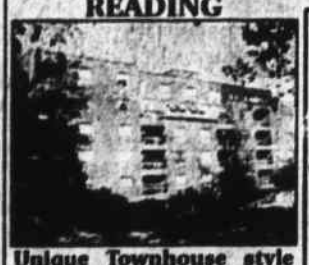
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16 MORRISON RD was sold Kenneth J Demeo & Mary C Demeo by Melvin J Lantigua Jr & Sharon Lantigua for $320,000

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22 BANCROFT ST was sold to Richard J Porcella & Phyllis Porcella by Michael D Mazzarella for $377,000
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10 BENJAMIN TER was sold to Zhimin Wang & Xiulian Zhang by William E Scire Tr, Tr for Ash St RT for $389,900
158 ORRIS ST was sold to Michael K Loconte by Michael K Loconte & Christine M Loconte for $92,250
91 WASHINGTON ST was sold to William L Stoney Jr & Patricia A Stoney by Shouzhong Ni & Xiaofang Li for $370,000
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141 HERITAGE DR U:141 was sold to James L Marks by Ronald A Romano & Sharon F Romano for $260,000
44 HILL ST was sold to Christopher D Henson & Jeanne L Henson by Wendy E Taylor & Richard J Taylor for $300,000
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116 PATRICK RD U:116 was sold to Christopher Hughes & Carol Hughes by Janet L Whelan for $210,000
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15 ELM ST was sold to Jamie Mclaughlin & Jason Allocco by Laura Kwet & Donald V Kwet for $256,500
296 SHAWSHEEN ST was sold to Keith P Mangan & Christine E Mangan by Timothy Lowell & Patricia A Lowell for $280,000
75 VILLA ROMA DR U:75 was sold to Christopher F Brundage & Colleen M Madigan by Cynthia Traywick-fryns & Cynthia Traywick for $255,000

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26 LASSELL ST. was sold to Andrew Jamerson & Cynthia R Jamerson by Walter F Dedrick for $310,000

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80 ALDRICH RD was sold to Caroline D Lavoie & Justin G Mercer by Marjorie V Walsh for $215,000
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23 CARTER LN was sold to Christian O Beltran by Charles E Gendron & Michele L Gendron for 497,500
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7 DORCHESTER ST was sold to Susan I Obrien & Matthew Obrien by James Adgate for $264,000
16 GRACE DR was sold to Pamela A Pastore & Ralph G Pastore by Paul Bruce Jr & Lisa M Bruce for $395,000
25 INDUSTRIAL WAY was sold to Ronald E Masiello, Tr for Crystal Wilmington RT by Grantly C Sagris, Tr for Commodity Warehouse RT for $6,378,000
114 MARION ST was sold to John Derboghosian & Linda S Derboghosian by C S Newhouse Bldrs Inc for $571,900
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6 BRIARWOOO RD was sold to Janet M Hall by Peter B Wiley & Nancy F Wiley for $1,330,000
10 EAST ST was sold to Renata Palickova by Czeslaw Jankowski & Ewa Jankowski for $353,000
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12 PRISCILLA LN was sold to Ming Zhou & Lydia X Wang by Louis Itrato Jr & Mary A for $475,000
200-U 23 SWANTON ST U:234 was sold to Antonio Ciampa & Eiizabeth J Ciampa by Louise Butt for $110,000
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273 CAMBRIDGE RD U:711 was sold to William A Billings & Mary A Billings by Brian S Mogauro for $292,000
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Tackling real tough cleaning projects

According to *Kitchen and Bath Remodeling Magazine*, this year Americans will give 5.4 million bathrooms and 4.1 million kitchens a facelift.

Remodeling can be expensive, with a minor bathroom renovation costing $11,645 and a minor kitchen remodeling $8,507.

Although most kitchen and bathroom fixtures should last 20 years, many Americans renovate because these items tend to look much older than they actually are.

Environmental conditions like hardwater–excessive levels of calcium, magnesium and lime--can result in white, crusty lime and calcium deposits and rust stains. Regular cleaning with the right products can keep them looking new.

These tips from household expert Ruth Katz can help keep kitchen and bathroom surfaces looking their best.

Problem: My dishwasher seems to be tiring out.

Solution: If your dishwasher doesn't work well, or if food remnants remain on dishes after the cycle, your water could be the cause. Hard water build-up can impact the efficiency of the machine by clogging the water holes. Treat your dishwasher and soak a sponge with a lime, calcium and rust cleaner, such as Lime-A-Way. Sponge down the interior of the machine and then run it once to rinse excess.

Problem: Horrid shower doors and curtain liners.

Solution Shower doors should last 25 years; however, we all know how quickly they become streaky and dull. Shower doors and curtain liners are partly vulnerable to build-up and streaks. A recent survey found that one in two respondents complained of a hazy film in the shower. Not surprising since this area has so much contact with water–five gallons of water for every minute we shower.

Again, try a lime, calcium and rust cleaner like Lime-A-way and sponge clean. Thoroughly rinse afterwards. Don't use any cleaner directly on a shower curtain with painted designs; if in doubt, test on a tiny area in the corner. You can also run a shower curtain liner through a washing machine cycle--in cool warm water–by adding detergent and a water softener, like calgon. You can even put the curtain in the dryer for a few minutes on a low setting to get rid of excess water.

Problem: Ugly rust stains in the toilet bowl.

Solution: The toilet bowl is in constant contact with water–and uses four to seven gallons with every flush.

To get rid of rust stains and lime build-up, use a toilet bowl cleaner that is specifically formulated to remove these stubborn stains. Simply pour the cleaner around the rim of the bowl, and use a brush to clean. Flush toilet to get rid of excess solution and repeat as necessary.

Faucets

From S-7

faucets, it is the most heavily used faucet in your home. That's why it should be as functional as it is beautiful.

Today, consumers have more options than ever before in terms of a faucet's features, function and style. If you're looking for a new kitchen sink faucet that is right for your lifestyle.

The first choice is between two-handle and single control models. Two-handle faucets provide a distinctive look, especially in traditionally styled kitchens. easy-to-use single-control faucets often have a memory feature that allows the water to be turned on and off at any temperature. If children use the faucet, a high-temperature limit stop protects them from being scalded.

The spout's height and reach should also be considered. The spout should provide adequate reach into sink's multiple basins and be high enough to provide ample working room.

Most spouts are six to nine inches long. For better reach in corner or custom sink arrangements, look for spouts 10 to 12 inches long. High-arch or "gooseneck" spouts are convenient for large pots and double basin sinks and add a dramatic look to any kitchen.

An increasingly popular option is a spout with a pull-out sprayhead. Featuring a choice of functional sprays, it brings added convenience to many kitchen tasks. A retractable double-interlock hose is an important feature because it prevents kinking.

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Several finishes are available to help create a certain look in the kitchen. Polished chrome or white enhance a contemporary; polished brass or brushed chrome (a pewter-like appearance) often lend themselves to traditional decor.

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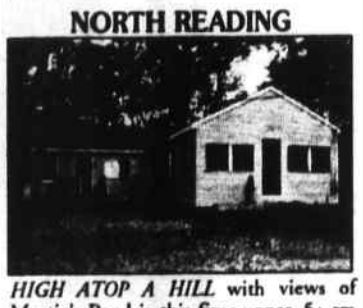
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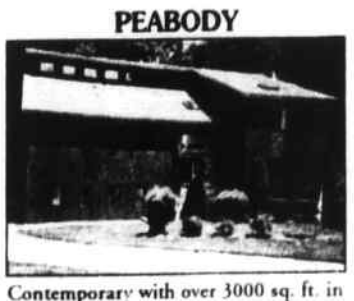
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Everyday activities take place in the large, open family room/kitchen. The cooking island is set at a diagonal to create a uniquely shaped triangular kitchen. Having the vegetable sink right across from the range offers increased efficiency in food preparation.

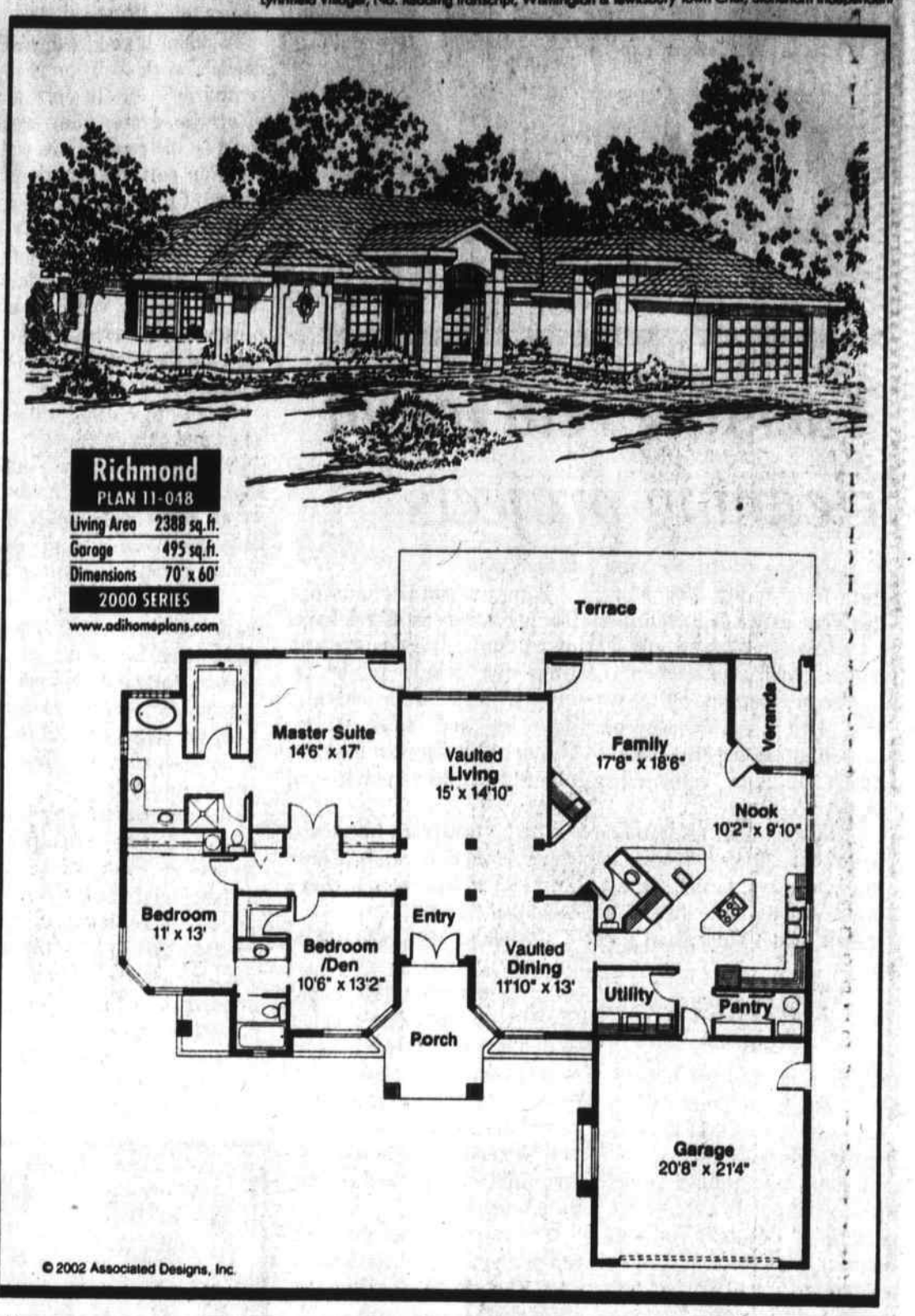
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Bedrooms are clustered together at the left. Luxury amenities in the master suite include a large walk-in closet, a private bathroom with two lavs and an enclosed toilet and shower. Glass blocks form the shower stall and brighten the bathing alcove.

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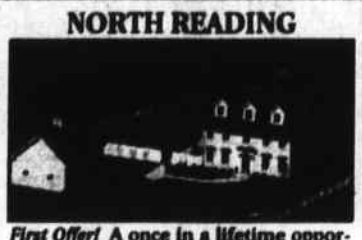
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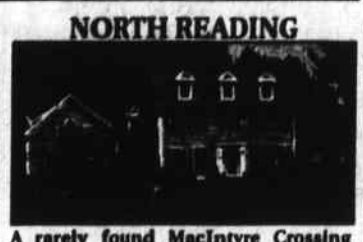
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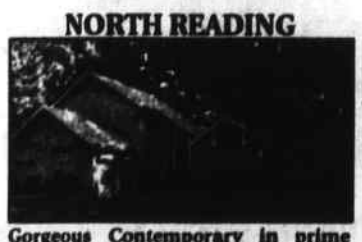
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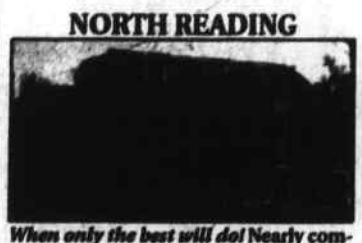
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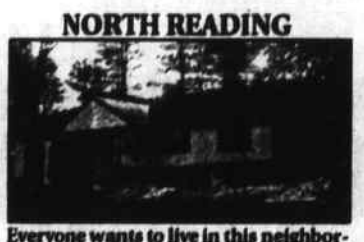
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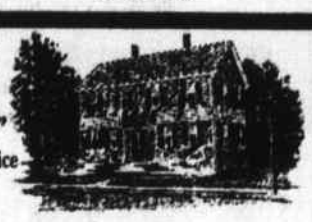
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Notes From S-14

At sea beyond North Reading

"Local student Dan Risotti of North Reading is sailing aboard the schooner Harvey Gamage for a semester of study at sea and the learning experience of a lifetime," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"Risotti is one of 23 students from Proctor Academy of Andover, New Hampshire participating this fall in Ocean Classroom. The nation's only fully accredited high school semester-at-sea program is offered by the Ocean Classroom Foundation, in partnership with Proctor Academy. Ocean Classroom is a unique and demanding program for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, and has received national awards for excellence in education.

"Ocean Classroom's fall term sails from the shores of New England to the Caribbean Sea. Risotti and his shipmates are studying marine science, maritime literature, maritime history, applied marine mathematics, Massachusetts Association of School Committees conference).

"The committee then heard from foreign language department Chair Carol Caten and teacher Christine Fiore on a planned trip to Paris for students in the French 4 and 5 classes during February vacation.

"Fiore said there are 15 students and four chaperones planned for the trip which will span eight days, (two only for travel), mostly in Paris with one trip to Versailles.

"The maximum cost for the trip is $1,575, Fiore said.

"Caten noted students are being required to take out trip cancellation insurance just in case.

"School Committee member Michael Mulrenan noted he was glad organizers were considering world affairs in their planning, but said that by doing the trip, the message was clear to those who would instill fear, 'we're showing the world we're not going to take it.'

"Teacher John Donovan requested permission for a trip to Italy March 20-29. Donovan said he preferred to organize it for April vacation, but that was Holy Week and he couldn't leave then. He noted he checked the MCAS calendar and with Principal Robert Norton who authorized the timing.

"School Committee members and officials noted there is always concern when time is missed from school, but that it is balanced with the educational value of such trips which are rife with historical treasures and cultura exchange.

"Donovan said 10 students and two chaperones have signed up for the trip expected to cost approximately $1,525. The trip has similar cancellation insurance.

writing, and navigation, through an integrated 'hands-on' curriculum taught by the ship's three faculty members. In addition to their academics, the students work as sailors, standing watch with the eight professional crew. The students of Ocean Classroom handle sails, haul lines, navigate and steer Harvey Gamage through fair weather and foul, all in the traditional manner of the tall ships. Dan is the son of James and Deborah Risotti, One Eagle Dr...."

Flowers

From S-10

more welcoming and create a sharing atmosphere."

From Thanksgiving to New Year's, fresh flowers can keep your home blooming with holiday cheer. freshen up traditional decorations with seasonal color. Tuck yellow and burgundy flowers in with fruits and vegetables of the Thanksgiving cornucopia. Encircle the candles of advent with a fresh flower wreath.

Despite harsh weather in some parts of the country, there are always plenty of flowers available in all the colors of the season. Orange, violet and bronze evoke the warm glow of autumn. As Christmas approaches, our visions turn to red. Fresh flowers present an eye-boggling assortment of reds: berry red, burgundy red, cerise, they all spell "Happy Holidays!"

Match flowers with unconventional containers to delight family and friends. A Christmas stocking blossoming with flowers...a Santa Claus teapot steeping with flowers and holiday greens. Look for ornaments that can do double duty as little containers, holding water and a fresh stem or two. Hang them on the tree or suspend them in a window.

Even decorative boxes and bags can dress up a mantle, an end table or a desk. Line the would-be containers with plastic, or stick flower stems in water tubes from the local craft store. If necessary, hold the tubes in place by pushing them into dry floral foam.

Fresh flowers are so versatile, they can carry out a theme or personalize a special event with your individual style. For a glittering Christmas, decorate your tree with ornaments of shimmering gold and copper. Then, on Christmas Eve, lace the tree with nosegays of ivory or golden yellow.

Set an elegant glass tumblers. Intermingle the tumblers with votive candles. Include a few stems of seasonal greens for a fragrant and color-full holiday.

Movies

From S-14

to watch. Director Chris Columbus returns to handle the sequel (though he has announced he will not return for the planned third movie), and recreates the magic and charm that has made the books these movies are based on, and the films themselves, such hits

The storyline is a bit more complicated this time around, but children should have little trouble following along. Some of the sequences involving spiders and a large monster are a bit intense, and may be too scary for children under 10.

The storyline involves a chamber of secrets located at the school, which was opened once 50 years ago, resulting in nasty things happening to those in attendance at the school. It has been opened again, and Harry must figure out who the culprit is, and what to do about the folks being turned stiff because of these actions.

MOVIE: "THE SANTA CLAUSE 2"
GRADE: ***

Review: Tim Allen returns as the man with all the toys in this sequel to the wildly-popular Disney movie, "The Santa Clause".

The premise of the first move was that when Allen's character accidentally puts an end to Santa, he must automatically take over the duties of making and delivering toys each year, thanks to the little known, 'Santa Clause' contract.

In this sequel, a chief elf has noticed some fine print in the contract, stating that Santa must take a wife or Christmas will be finished. Thus he sets off in search of Mrs. Clause, and the usual hi-jinks ensue along the way.

Allen, who once said he would never make a sequel to the movie, is clearly having fun in the big red suit this time around, and the film is filled with enough laughs to entertain both young and old viewers alike.

MOVIE: "THE TRUTH ABOUT CHARLIE"
GRADE: **

Review: Director Jonathan Demme brings this remake of the film 'Charade' to the big screen, with Mark Wahlberg in the famous Cary Grant role.

Not everyone is who they appear to be. Wahlberg may or may not be a bad man, who charms his way into the life of a troubled woman, played by Thandie Newton. Tim Robbins plays a good guy (maybe), who is also trying to help Newton's character, and the fun is trying to figure out what is going on before the characters do.

Demme lets out just enough information to keep the viewer interested, though Newton doesn't seem to be enjoying her role too much on screen. Robbins is very good, and Wahlberg holds his own in a role that Grant once played, tough shoes to fill.

MOVIE: "PUNCH DRUNK LOVE"
GRADE: ***

Review: Director Paul Thomas Anderson, who brought us "Boogie Nights" and "Magnolia", brings this quirky and odd love story to the screen.

Adam Sandler abandons the idiotic characters he has brought to the big screen as of late to play an obsessive and strange businessman, who accidentally becomes involved with a phone sex operator and manages to snag a decent woman (played by Emily Watson) as his girlfriend along the road of life.

Philip Seymour Hoffman is once again great in a supporting role as the phone sex operator, and Sandler shows an acting range many never knew he had. The comedy is dark and violent at times, but overall the film reveals itself as a sweet love story, with some odd twists along the way.

Calendar

From S-5

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Show hours for the 29th annual World of Wheels are 5-11 p.m., Friday January 3; 10 a.m. -11 p.m. on Saturday, January 4 and 10 a.m to 9 p.m. on Sunday January 5. Admission is $13 for adults, $5 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under.

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BASEBALL UMPIRES SUPPORT GROUPS FOR NEUROFIBROMATOSIS

The New England Chapter of the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation is seeking individuals and parents of children who are affected by the disorder neurofibromatosis to form support groups.

Those who wish to be part of a group or who would like more information should contact the New England office at 1-888-585-5316 or nnffne@aol.com.

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Music

From S-4

Again the house changed hands and William McMillan purchased the property and house in 1982. It was in severe disrepair, as the Trust had not provided for maintenance.

McMillan spent several years restoring the house to its former elegant state. However, in 1997 he had developed plans to sell the land as a sub-division.

The plans were about to be approved when it was learned that McMillan had sold the property and the house to the Winchester Community Music School.

The present executive director of the school, Laurie Russell, said, "The house was in need of repairs. We refurbished it and built an addition on the back."

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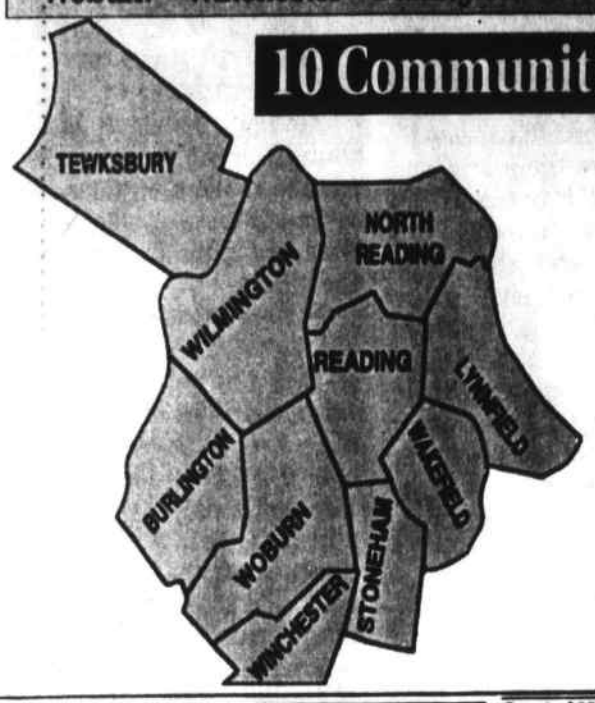
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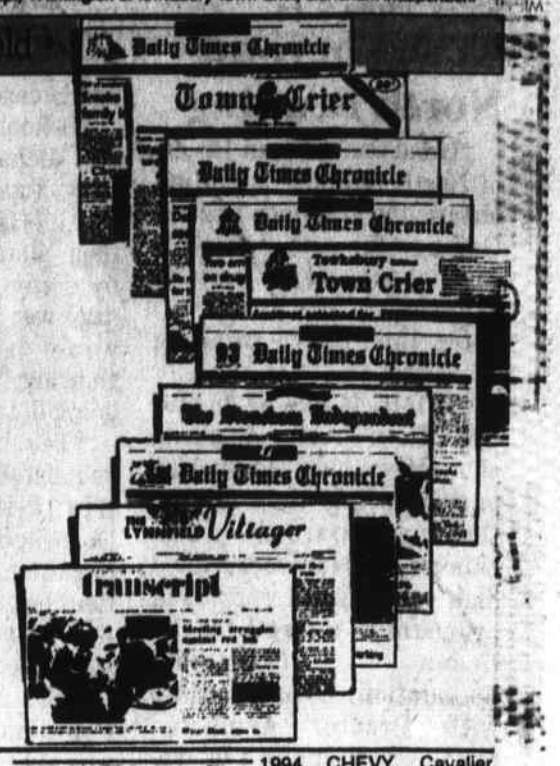
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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

GOING, GOING...GONE

Marching ahead in Winchester

"The School Committee approved a trip for eighth graders to Washington, D.C. in the spring," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Last year's trip was cancelled because of the attacks on Sept. 11.

"The School Committee approved the five-day trip this week subject to the option to cancel it if the situation warrants it. Evander French, McCall Middle School principal, and Jack Squeglia, eighth-grade math teacher and trip coordinator, presented their rationale for this trip.

"The trip is scheduled for March 10 through 14. The group will spend three nights in Washington and one night in Gettysburg, Penn. The all-inclusive cost of the trip will not exceed $640, according to French. Partial scholarships and full scholarships are available.

"'We don't want anybody not to go because of the cost,' French said. It was decided that the trip be made by bus and not by plane like in other years.

"'We did have some discussions and concerns about the bus as opposed to the plane,' French said, but the decision was unanimous...."

Flying high from Woburn

"With trips planned over the next few months to Spain, Paris, Italy, Florida and Washington, D.C., Woburn students are a cosmopolitan lot," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Despite some concerns given the uncertainty of the international situation and general parental concern when children travel beyond their reach, the School Committee approved four of the trips and is slated to OK the fifth when it comes forward for formal approval.

"First up for approval was a senior class trip to Disney World in May. Senior class advisor William McGrath said the trip, which has become an annual trek, is a fun, memorable experience for departing seniors and has been run without serious incident for several years now.

"He said 116 students so far have signed up for it. Disney requires at least one chaperone for every ten students, but he expected that to be even lower by the time of the trip.

"McGrath, who noted newer teacher Julie Morgan has been helping him plan the trip, said the three-day adventure includes a stay at a Days Inn nearby in Kissimmee, Fla., theme parks and an all-night party in the Magic Kingdom where Woburn students will join thousands of others from around the country.

"Cost is around $700, though students are holding fundraisers to help defray expenses.

"The committee approved the trip, scheduled for May 1-4, unanimously (member Mary Contalonis was not present as she was attending a

"The trip, which includes stops in Venice, Florence, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii and Rome, was also approved.

"Caten said she would be before the committee to discuss the return exchange to Spain in the spring. Spanish students already came here this fall. This is an exchange of long standing put on hold last year due to the Sept. 11 terrorism.

"Finally, Kennedy Middle School teacher Paul Bavuso received approval to organize a trip for his school's eighth graders to Washington, D.C. The trip is planned for May 28-30, Bavuso said, and he will be looking at some corporate and civic fund raising to reduce the cost so more students can take advantage...."

Notes to S-11

Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"Star Trek- Nemesis"

MOVIE: "STAR TREK: NEMESIS"
GRADE: **

Review: Patrick Stewart returns as Captain Jean-Luc Picard to lead the cast of 'Star Trek: The Next Generation" through their latest, and reportedly final, big screen adventure.

Picard and the crew of the Enterprise must visit Romulus, where the new Romulan leader reportedly wants to make peace with the people of Earth.

Picard eventually discovers that the new leader is a younger clone of himself, the result of a genetic experiment by the Romulans that went bad years ago. The leader's true intentions, the destruction of Earth, soon become apparent, and it is once again up to the crew of the Enterprise to save the universe as we know it.

The special effects are decent, but other than Stewart, the rest of the cast seems to be going through the motions with their lines. The plot is a little far fetched, but what isn't about the Star Trek universe? True Trek fans may enjoy the film for the surprise twist it has near the end, but non-fans may become a bit bored by the goings-on.

SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "SOLARIS"
GRADE: ***

Review: Director Steven Soderbergh takes on the science fiction cult classic by Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky, and emerges with a shorter, slightly Hollywoodized love story.

George Clooney stars as a scientist sent off to a space station to examine bizarre events regarding the station's crew, who have apparently begun seeing, and interacting, with dead relatioons and relatives while in orbit near the planet Solaris, which is essentially a big, living brain.

He begins seeing and interacting with his own dead wife, played by Natasha McElhone, and begins to wonder what's wrong with such hallucinations, if they are hallucinations at all?

The photography is great, the storyline interesting, but the ending is changed from the original, which may make some romantics happier than they were with the first film.

MOVIE: "DIE ANOTHER DAY"
GRADE: ***

Review: Pierce Brosnan makes his fourth appearance as James Bond in this latest outing, and it is the best Bond flick in about 20 years

This is the 20th James Bond movie, and the 40th anniversary since author Ian Fleming created the superspy, and the producers have loaded this film with references, some subtle and some not, to the other 19 that have come before it. For Bond-ophiles who have seen the other films numerous times it is a feast for the eyes, as plot twists, characters, and gadgets all call to mind others that have come before them (one nice touch is when Bond picks up a copy of a bird-watching guide written by James Bond, the book that inspired Fleming to use the name for his new creation).

Halle Berry makes a nice addition to the long list of Bond girls, playing National Security Agency agent Jinx, who is every bit Bond's counterpart and equal during missions.

The plot is long and unbelievable, involving counterfeit diamonds, a satellite that can harness the energy of the sun, and genetic alterations that can change a person's race, but the sarcastic one-liners and gadgets (John Cleese is terrific as the new 'Q') make up for any ridiculous moments that occur along the way.

MOVIE: "HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS"
GRADE: ***

Review: Everyone's back for this sequel to the very popular 'Harry Potter and the Sorceror's Stone'.

Daniel Radcliffe returns as Potter, who is visited at home by a little house elf named Dobby who warns him not to return to school at Hogwarts this year. But if he didn't there would be no movie, so off Potter goes, into he knows not what.

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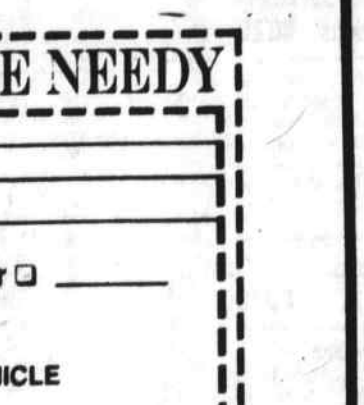
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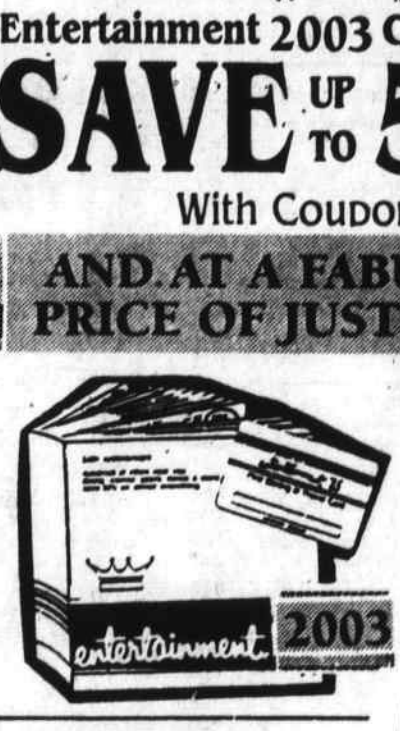


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